Israel said making nerve gas

BEIRUT (R) — An Arabic weekly magazine said Wednesday Israel made and stockpiled chemical weapons, including killer nerve gases and huge quantities of LSD, a powerful hallucinatory drug. "Israel possesses an integral system of chemical weapons and chemical military units that function among the ranks of the Israeli army," said the Cyprus-based Al Moukif Al Arabi. It said Israel had a stock of poisonous substances, comprising 5,000 tons of "LSD" as well as other, unknown amounts of "F-7" and "G" killer gases. LSD is a powerful hallucinogea, popular among Western hippies in the 1960s. Swallowing a tiny quantity can incapacitate, causing acute disorientation for many hours. The magazine said Israel ran six factories and laboratories where scientists, backed by some U.S. and South African organisations, produced and tested chemical weapons. It quoted reliable sources as saying Israel had between 100 and 200 nuclear warheads, with delivery systems which included bombers and surface-to-surface U.S. missiles.

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Herzog seeks new

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli President Chaim Herzog, 69, has second five-year term in a par-liamentary election to be held within the next three months.

Sudan rebels say no ceasefire accord

NAIROBI (R) — Sudanese rebels Wednesday denied a statement by Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi that they would agree to a ceasefire if the state of emergency in Sudan were lifted. The rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) radio station, monitored in Nairobi, said the only agree-ment between the SPLA and Khartoum was the 1986 Koka Dam Declaration, which said Khartoum should prepare for a peace conference by repealing Islamic law, scrapping defence pacts with Egypt and Libya and ending the state of emergency (Sudan reinforces border, page

Fire put out aboard Gulf tanker

ATHENS (R) - A fire aboard the Cypriot tanker United Venture, which was attacked by Iraqi jets in the Gulf Monday, has been extinguished, a spokesman for the ship's operators said in Athens Wednesday. But the spokesman said there was only a 10 per cent chance of finding alive two Filipino and four Greek crewmen missing in the attack. Two Filipino crew members were killed in the incident, he said. One Filipino was injured but was not in serious condition.

Uganda holds two bombing suspects منشترون والمستعدد

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KAMPALA (AP) — Soldiers Wednesday arrested two men, one an army deserter, suspected in a grenade attack that killed a Libyan diplomat, the officer in charge of the investigation said. Troops opened fire wounding Ahmad Kanyike, 27, and Billy Sseyviiri, 26, as the suspects tried to flee on bicycles. David Kaboyo, intelligence officer at the army brigade headquarters in Kampala, said at a news confer-

Damaged Iranian rig threatens marine life

DUBAI (R) — An Iranian oil platform shelled by the U.S. navy last October is still spewing crude into the polluted Gulf, further threatening marine life, oil sources said Wednesday. They said that despite efforts by Iran to burn off the oil, a significant amount was still leaking from the platform at Tehran's Rostam field east of Bahrain.

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Rafah residents receive Goulding with fierce anti-occupation fervor and clash with soldiers

Israel expels four Arabs to Lebanon

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Israel expelled four Palestinians to Lebanon Wednesday while, in the occupied Gaza Strip, Arab demonstrators clashed with troops during a visit by a U.N. special envoy to a Palestinian refugee camp.

Israel, criticised by the United Nations for its handling of the protests and its plans to expel nine Palestinians accused of incitement, deported four of them to the edge of its self-declared southern Lebanon "security zone," news agencies reported.

The deportation was conducted in secrecy and no word leaked out until after the action was completed.

An army official said the four were flown by helicopter to a mountain pass two kilometres north of Hasbaya in South

A military command statement announcing the expulsion said the

By Lamis K. Andoni

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Palestine Li-

beration Organisation (PLO) has

decided to organise a "return

ported by Israel from the occu-

pied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The planned symbolic journey

will be aboard a ship to a Israeli-

held port as part of an interna-

tional campaign aimed at forcing

the Jewish state to revoke its

orders to expel Palestinians from

the occupied territories.

The PLO decision, taken by the Executive Committee of the

organisation which met in Bagh-

dad Monday, calls for inviting international personalities and human rights activists to join the

journey.

A Palestinian official told the

Jordan Times Wednesday that the decision was based on United

Nations Security Council Resolu-

tion 605, which was endorsed last month. The resolution called on

Israel not to expel Palestinians

from the occupied territories and

said such expulsions would be a

clear violation of the Geneva

convention on treatment of peo-

publicity stunt," said the source, who himself was expelled by the

Israeli occupation authorities in the early 70s. "We are indeed

serious about launching the cam-paign to reverse the Israeli orders and claim our right to return to our country," he said.

TAIPEI (Agencies) - National-

ist President Chiang Ching-Kuo died Wednesday of a heart

attack, ending the reign of a family dynasty that saw victory and defeat in China and econo-

mic prosperity in Taiwan. He was

Mr. Chiang, president of Taiwan since 1978, died at the

Veterans General Hospital at

Mr. Chiang was the son of the late President Chiang Kai-Shek,

whose government was ousted

from mainland China in 1949 by

communist forces. The elder

Vice-President Lee Teng-Hini was sworn in as president at the

presidential office building, in

accordance with the constitution,

after an emergency meeting of

the nationalist central standing

committee convened about three

3:55 p.m., a doctor said.

Chiang died in 1975.

Taiwanese

president

dies at 77

The planned journey "is not a

ple under occupation.

" for Palestinians de-

four were "among the leaders of the instigators and organisers of the disturbances" in the West

The four expelled are all West Bank-born and have served prison terms as activists for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), according to Israeli offi-

The most prominent is Jabril Mahmoud Rujub, 35, who was jailed for life at age 17 for belonging to a guerrilla cell, was freed in a 1985 prisoner exchange and wrote a best-selling book of political thought and prison memoirs. The others are Jamal Mohammad Jibara, 28, Bashir Ahmed Al page 2

Palestinians plan 'return journey'

to press Israel to revoke expulsions

Though Israel is not expected

are determined to try to enforce the invited international persona-

the Security Council resolution, lities would give lectures and

to allow the ship to dock at any of

its ports, "all Palestinians who

have been expelled from their land

which revealed the illegitimacy of

the Israeli order and upheld our

right to return to our land," he

No date has been set for the

journey but PLO officials here

told the Jordan Times contacts

were underway to organise the

Arab and European countries to

use one of their ports to launch

According to Palestinian. sources, the PLO favours an

Arab port, preferably in a front-line state, but it will also request

the permission of European

A source said the PLO also

hoped the step "will create inter-

national pressure on the Israeli

government to stop its arbitrary

measures against the Palestinians

and recognise the Palestinian people's rights."

The idea was first endorsed by

the PLO in 1977 following the expulsions of elected Arab

mayors and other Palestinian

leaders from the West Bank and

Gaza. According to the original

idea, the ship was to start its trip

from one of the European ports

and pass through a number of

countries on its way "to promote

the case of the deportees and the

for another showdown over the

American "Star Wars" anti-

missile defence project when su-

perpower arms talks resume here

Chief U.S. arms negotiator

Max Kampelman repeated that

the Reagan administration was

determined that essential "re-

search, development and testing

programme" of the strategic de-

fence initiative (SDI) — or "Star

Wars" - research project will be

He told a news conference

Wednesday the United States was

'fully persuaded" that stability

between Washington and Mos-

cow would be strengthened if

agreement could be reached on

the evolution of missile defence

If such an agreement could not be reached, "each side will be free to decide its course of ac-

The superpowers launched

three-tier talks in March 1985 on

tion," he added.

hours after Mr. Chiang's death. | long-range nuclear weapons,

continued.

Geneva talks head for

GENEVA (R) — The United intermediate-range nuclear mis-States and the Soviet Union head sile forces (INF), and space and

showdown over SDI

the trip, the officials said.

Contacts will be made with

Rahman Khader, 25.

Israel has expelled more than 1,000 Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza since it occupied the territories in 1967, including 13 last year.

Five other Palestinians are facing deportation orders. A military review panel declined to reverse the expulsion order for the four from the Gaza Strip but they have until Sunday to appeal to Israel's supreme court.

The army said it was unable to provide the status of proceedings involving the other man, a resident of the West Bank. Israel's announcement Jan. 3

that it was deporting nine Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip provoked international outcry and the United States appealed to the Jewish state to

(Continued on page 3) Chaos and scarcity plague Jahalya; Capucci says Israel is

the PLO while the deportees and

press conferences about the

plight of the Palestinian people.

into action then but, according to

the sources, the popular uprising in the West Bank and Gaza and

the subsequent Security Council

resolutions have encouraged the

The sources said that the PLO

leadership had already started

preparing lists of deportees who

will board the ship. According to

a report in the Al Ra'i daily,

Palestine National Council

(PNC) Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Saeh, PNC member

Sheikh Abdul Baioudh Al Tami-

mi and PLO Executive Commit-

tee member Bishop Elia Khouri

— all expelled by the Israelis in the 1970s — will lead the trip.

Palestinian sources said that

the PLO leadership's selection

process would take the back-

ground of the deportees into con-

sideration — only those who were

not involved in military actions

against Israel and had not signed

their deportation order as some

Palestinians are usually forced to

President Ronald Reagan and

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev

signed a treaty eliminating all

INF missiles at their December

summit in Washington. It was the

first superpower arms accord in

Mr. Kampelman said the two

leaders instructed their negotiat-

ing teams to complete "at the

earliest possible date" a treaty to

slash long-range strategic arsenals

by 50 per cent, limiting each side

The treaty should preferably be

ready for signing at the Reagan-

Gorbachev summit, due to be held in Moscow during the first

The task will not be easy,

Efforts to cut strategic

weapons, the oft-proclaimed

arms control priority of the

Reagan administration, have

been deadlocked since March

1985 over the SDI project.

to 6,000 atomic warheads.

half of this year, he said.

Mr. Kampelman added.

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defence weapons.

nearly a decade.

PLO to revive the idea.

The idea was not translated

Israeli troops kill two more **Palestinians**

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli troops killed two Palestinians in fresh anti-Israeli protests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip

A U.N. doctor who requested anonymity said a 12-year-old boy was brought into the Jabalya refugee camp clinic in Gaza killed by gunfire, and Shifa Hospital in Gaza City said a 10-year-old boy was in serious condition with bullet wounds in the chest. Other officials; also reported a young man and a 65-year-old man were injured in separate shooting incidents in the Ramaliah area.

The Israeli army said troops killed a 19-year-old Palestini during clashes near Ramallah in the West Bank.



Israeli soldiers drag away a Palestinian arrested after anti-occupation protests in Arab Jerusalem.

Mubarak in Oman on last leg of The ship was supposed to be equipped with informative leaf-lets about Palestinian history and

Gulf visit MUSCAT (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Oman Wednesday to a

warm welcome. Mr. Mubarak flew in from Bahrain on the final leg of a tour of the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council

(GCC).
Mr. Mubarak and Oman's Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sai'd strode side by side down a red carpet to review a guard of honour and meet local diplomats.

Before leaving Bahrain, the Egyptian leader, in apparently conciliatory mood, urged Iran and Israel to help bring peace to the Middle East.

He told a news conference Egypt's relations with Israel were not tense, despite clashes between Israeli forces and Palestinians in the occupied territories. He said Iran should respond to

the call of peace," which is better than spilling blood and wasting resources on killings." "They (Iran) are cursing me these days because I'm in the Gulf. Never mind, but they are men of religion and it is not proper for them to use such impolite words," he said.

Iran Monday denounced Mr. "The PLO does not want to Mubarak's tour, during which he give Israel a chance to raise prob-lems over the identity of the (Continued on page 3) deportees," said one of the

Panel calls on U.N. chief to protect Palestinians

UNITED NATIONS (R) — A Security Council members held U.N. committee accused Israel of brief private consultations Tuestion for West Bank and Gaza Israel.

The letter was addressed to Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar from Massamba Sarre, chairman of the Committee on Palestinian Rights.

The U.N. chief was asked to take all possible measures to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinians and ensure their safety and protection.

U.N. Under-Secretary General Marrack Goulding is in the area on a fact-finding mission that will provide data for a report Mr. Perez de Cuellar must make to the Security Council by Jan. 20.

In its letter, the U.N. panel appealed to the secretary general to intensify his efforts to resolve the question of Palestine, in particular through an international peace conference.

The document said at least 35 Palestinians had died in the violence that began with protest demonstrations in the occupied territories last month.

The committee said Israeli policies and practices were in clear violation of the 4th Geneva Convention of Aug. 12, 1949.

Lebanese case

violating the Geneva convention day about the text of a statement on the treatment of civilians in it might issue in response to a wartime and appealed for protec- Lebanese complaint against

ell of Britain told reporters the U.S. delegation had not yet received firm instructions and further closed-door consultations were to be held Wednesday.

Lebanon last Thursday requested an urgent council meeting to consider "continuing acts of aggression and abusive practices of the Israeli occupying forces in Lebanon."

Israel has launched several air and ground attacks in recent weeks against targets in southern Lebanon, where Israeli troops and their allies of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) occupy a so-

called "security zone." Mr. Tickell has circulated the draft of a proposed statement dealing with the situation in the area. The council sometimes issues a statement instead of holding a formal debate and adopting a resolution.

Alluding to the opposing posi-tions of the United States and of the council's non-aligned members, Mr. Tickell told reporters: "The draft I made was deliberately planned to go down the middle. You know that on one side they would like to push it in one direction. I have little doubt that there are others who would like In another development, to push it in the other.

Jordan lambasts Israel

AMMAN (Agencies) — Jordan denounced Israel's expulsion of four Palestinians from the occupied territories Wednesday and urged similar condemnation from other governments and human

rights groups.
"We condemn the expulsions of people from their own homes to anywhere outside the occupied territories," Occupied Territories Affairs Minister Marwan Dudin was quoted as saying by Reuters.

Israel deported four Palestinians accused of leading protests in which at least 36 people have died, taking them by belicopter to the edge of its self-declared "security zone" in South

The U.N. Security Council unanimously urged Israel on Jan. 5 not to expel Palestinians.

Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Cyprus and Lebanon said they would refuse to accept the Palestinians. but the "security zone" is outside Lebanese government control.

"I personally and as a government minister call on Amnesty International, the Red Cross and all human rights organisations to take a stand against this step especially those U.S.-based groups that keep protesting about violations of the human rights of Jews in the Soviet Union and the Eastern bloc," Mr. Dudin told

"Do these groups operate a double standard? Something must be done, and we appeal to all countries to fight for the basic human rights of the Palestinian people," he said.

In a statement he gave to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, later Wednesday, Mr. Dudin said: "The Israeli act is of Nazi

nature. It is a flagrant violation of all international human rights, an outright defiance of the United Nations Security Council resolution - which denounced the acts of expulsion - and neglecting all efforts exerted on Tel Aviv by peaceloving agencies and friendly governments.

Through their acts of resistance, the Palestinians "have proved to the world at large their capability of enforcing their identity and of continuing their struggle to end the occupation and to maintain their Arab and Islamic identity there," Mr. He said the government of

Jordan had warned against the dangers of expelling Palestinians by force from their land.

Ministry reports 52 deaths

The Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs said in its monthly report for December that 52 people in the West Bank and Gaza had been killed, about 628 wounded and about 4,900 de-

The ministry said the Israeli authorities last month sentenced 157 people to prison terms ranging from several months to life

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Soviets and Americans hunt Gulf mine together

to help them hunt a mine, which the Soviets eventually blew up, in an rare display of superpower cooperation, a U.S. senator said Wednesday.

Pennsylvania Republican Senator Arlen Specter, a member of the powerful Senate appropriations and intelligence committees, said the joint minehunt indicated a significant change in Soviet attitude and boded well for U.N. efforts to halt the Iran-Iraq

"I think that kind of U.S.-USSR cooperation is going to be the ingredient which will bring about an end to the Iran-Iraq war, provided they can finally agrée on an arms embargo," said Mr. Specter.

The senator, touring Europe and the Middle East during a Senate recess, arrived in Bahrain Monday from Israel. He flew to Pakistan after meeting reporters Wednesday and will visit Syria

Mr. Specter said he could conceive of some sort of joint Soviet-

BAHRAIN (R) — Soviet Gulf American action under a U.N. forces asked the American navy flag to protect shipping lanes in flag to protect shipping lanes in the Gulf.

> The senator learned of the U.S.-Soviet mineshunt Tuesday during a visit to the American battle-cruiser USS Richmond K. Turner when he saw a transcript of the exchanges between American and Soviet ships.

On Jan. 5, a Soviet minesweeper shepherding a merchant ship passed a suspected mine, but sailed on until the escorted ship was out of the danger zone, Mr. Specter said.

As the Soviet vessel returned to search for the mine it radioed the Turner for help and gave "remarkably precise" details of the suspected mine's location.

Mr. Specter said the Turner launched the helicopter to join the hunt but it was the Soviet minesweeper that finally found

and blew up the mine. The Turner in recent weeks has been with the helicopter-carrier Okinawa in mine sweeping the northern Gulf near Iran's Farsi

Lebanese army lifts blockade of PSP ports

BEIRUT (R) — The Lebanese army has lifted its 11-day blockade of ports controlled by the country's mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia, Defence Minister Adel Osseiran said Wednesday.

The blockade was clamped on part of the coastline on Jan. 2 in retaliation for the seizure of an armed forces Gazelle helicopter by a dissident officer from its base in Christian territory.

The incidents prompted a sbarp rise in sectarian tension, with fears of a fresh outbreak of civil war violence between PSP fighters and certain army units.

The army automatically lifted its blockade of Druze-run ports after the helicopter was handed to the (mainly Druze) 11th brigade in Hammana," Mr. Osseiran told reporters.

The army comprises soldiers from all major communities, but some units - such as the 11th brigade - are dominated by men of a specific regional or religious

origin. PSP leader Walid Junblatt said

Sunday he would hand over the helicopter to the 11th brigade stationed in the Druze-held Shouf mountains in an apparent compromise aimed at easing tension. "The story of the helicopter is

now considered an internal issue

between the army command and the 11th brigade. The army does not have to issue any statement on this," Mr. Osseiran said. The Lebanese army's head-

quarters is situated in Christianheid hills on the eastern edge of Beirut, and nearby residents regularly reported seeing army boats leaving Jounieh port to patrol the

The PSP's only direct link with the outside world apart from the land route passing through Syria and the international airport south of the capital is by sea, from two of Lebanon's many unofficial harbours.

The PSP responded to the army blockade by placing 5,000 militiamen on full alert and warning of possible action against Christian ports.

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Chaos, scarcity plague Jabaliya refugee camp

JABALIYA, Occupied Gaza Strip (AP) — Doctors frantically massaged the heart of a 19-year-old pregnant woman who fell unconscious after Israeli soldiers fired tear gas into her home.

Elsewhere in the U.N. clinic, medics sutured cuts, set fractures, bandaged bullet wounds and attended to coughing tear gas victims — a total of 23 casualties Tuesday morning after clashes between residents of the Jabahya refugee camp and Israeli soldiers.

Outside, shots rang in the distance. Near the clinic, a dozen angry women, their white headscarves and black dresses soaked by rain, pelted two army jeeps with rocks and shouted curses.

"Every day it's like this. For us, this is just a routine morning," said one doctor who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Jabaliya, the largest Gaza Strip camp with 60,000 residents, has become a centre of resistance to the Israeli occupation. Since the rebellion began Dec. 8, the army has clamped curfews on the camp for more than a week.

Marrack Goulding, a highranking U.N. official who tried to enter the camp Tuesday for a fact-finding mission, was turned away by soldiers.

At night, another curfew was imposed, preventing residents from leaving their homes.

Chaos reigned throughout the morning as a constant stream of ambulances and private cars delivered casualties. Doctors tried to keep shouting relatives out of the crowded emergency room.

Miriam Haw, a 45-year-old resident, stood crying in a corner as doctors tried to resuscitate her 19-year-old daughter Attaf, who doctors said fell unconscious after inhaling tear gas. Attaf, two

to a Gaza City hospital after doctors stabilised her pulse. "Every day for the last four days, the soldiers have attacked my house because it's right on the main road," said Mrs. Haw, wip-

months pregnant, was transferred

ing tears from her wrinkled face with a pink-and-white scarf. Jabaliya's main road is a site of

frequent clashes and residents have said soldiers often burst into homes while chasing protesters. As she spoke, a doctor

attended to another of Mrs. Haw's daughters, 18-year-old Awatef, who said she was beaten by clubs when soldiers stormed the house. Her neck was smeared with caked blood, and deep cuts were visible on her head.

Army officials denied reports of brutality by soldiers against women, and said that if residents complain about beatings, such cases are investigated im-

mediately. Many residents are running low on food. The men either stay home from jobs because of strikes enforced by revolting youths or because they are trapped inside the camp by curfews.

In response to the shortages, the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) expanded its supplementary feeding programme for children, said Angela Williams, the agency's acting director in Gaza.

The programme now covers all children until the age of 10, while in the past only 3- to 6-year-olds

About 300 children waited in long lines outside the children's feeding centre Tuesday, clutching green ration cards. U.N. workers gave each child a piece of pita bread, a chunk of corned beef and two carrots.

A U.N. welfare worker said he fed about 900 children Monday. but had to turn away about 100 youngsters when he ran out of

A Jabaliya doctor said about 10 per cent of the 200 patients he saw Tuesday complained of hun-

But the growing hardship only seem to have fuelled the anger of the camp residents.

"I don't remember any day since 1967 when it was so bad," said 55-year-old Aziz Ahmad Mustafa Ismail. "But despite the problems it causes us, I still support my sons when they throw

China to donate food

PEKING (R) — China's Red Cross Society will give medicine and food to the Palestinian Liberation Organisation for distribution among Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the official media said on Wednesday.

The New China News Agency quoted a Red Cross official as saying recent Israeli suppression of Palestinians had "exacerbated their pain and suffering."

Sudan reinforces border with Ethiopia

LONDON (AP) — The Sudanese army in reinforcing its positions along the Ethiopian border with anti-aircraft missiles, artillery and large troop contin-gents, the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) reported

The BBC said the reinforcements are being sent to border areas recently attacked by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).
Sudanese Prime Minister

Sadek Al Mahdi has repeatedly accused Ethiopia of aiding the SPLA with money, arms and facilities, a charge the Ethiopians have denied.

The BBC report from the Sudanese capital of Khartoum quoted an unidentified Sudanese officer as saying anti-aircraft missiles recently delivered to Sudan by Iraq were being sent to the

But the BBC said the SPLA does not possess any aircraft and that deploying such missiles would suggest that Sudan is concerned about the possibility of attacks by the Ethiopian military.

The SPLA, led by turncoat army Coi. John Garang, launched military operations against the government in Sudan's three southern provinces in 1983. It demands greater autonomy

The central government in Khartoum is dominated by Muslims, who constitute the majority of the population.

The BBC said tensions rose last week when a planned meeting between Ethiopian and Sudanese officials failed to take place in

protesting Palestinians.

"I wanted to show through the hunger strike that I share the suffering of the Palestinians physically. It is true the strike left me tired, but spiritually I was very

Israeli troops have shot dead more than 35 Palestinians and wounded over 200 others in the worst ever popular aprisings in the occupied territories, new into a

Hamadi 'being maltreated' in W. German jail

BEIRUT (R) — The kidnappers Shi'ite Muslim prayers as well as of West German Rudolf Cordes practising sports like other prisfreed in September. have issued a letter from Lebanese hijack suspect Mohammad Ali Hamadi saying he was

being tortured psychologically in a West German prison. "During the night they these human values," he said. (guards) come almost every hour Although the letter was accomand wake me up. They put the flashlights on my face to force me to open my eyes," said Hamadi in a three-page letter sent to an international news agency in

Tuesday. "It is a psychological torture," the hand-written letter said in Arabic. The letter was purportedly sent

by the pro-Iranian Freedom Strugglers group which kidnapped Cordes, 53, on Jan. 17, 1987. Hamadi said he had been barred from reading books and newspapers, watching television and listening to the radio and

mainly Muslim west Beirut on

"They (Germans) talk about freedom, justice and human rights and the wellbeing of people ... But they practise nothing of

panied by a colour photograph of Cordes, Lebanon manager of the Frankfurt-based chemical firm Hoechst, its authenticity could not be verified. Hamadi, arrested in Frankfurt.

on Jan. 13, 1987, faces charges of hijacking a Trans World Air-lines (TWA) plane to Beirut in June 1985 and killing one of its passengers, U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethern.

His brother Abbas Ali Hamadi, 29, is currently on trial in Duesseldorf on charges of carrying explosives and involvement in the kidnapping of Cordes and another West German business-

The Freedom Strugglers said in a statement on Jan. 4 they had received a letter from Mohammad Ali, accused German authorities of mistreating him and demanded this stop immediately.

The group then warned the Bonn government to be careful in the trial of Abbas Hamadi or face the consequences.

Meanwhile in Duesseldorf. West Germany, witnesses in the trial of Abbas Hamadi said on Tuesday he booked several trips to Lebanon at the time of the abductions. Hamadi was arrested at Frank-

fort airport in January 1987 on his return from Beirut and charged with taking Cordes and Schmidt hostage to force Bonn to release his brother.

Two travel agent clerks said on the third day of the trial at Dues-

living in West Germany, booked flights in his name and for a man

named Rida at the beginning of January 1987. The clerks said they sold him another ticket to Lebanon for Jan. 16, three days after Moham-

before Cordes was seized in west Cordes has spent almost a year in captivity. Schmidt, also seized in January, was released in

mad Ah was arrested and one day

September. Three customs officials told the court that they arrested Mohammed Ali at Frankfurt airport after becoming suspicious about the photograph in his Lebanese passy port. The passport, in the name

The West German government turned down a request to extra

of Jussef Rida, turned out to be

Capucci: Israel is now beginning of the end

DAMASCUS (R) — Uprisings in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have broken down Palestinians' barrier of fear and are the beginning of the end for Israel, Archbishop Hilarion Capucci said on Wednesday.

at the

The barrier of fear has been broken and the Palestinians are now going on a one-way road. It is the beginning of the end for Israel," Arch. Capucci told Reuters in an interview.

The Syrian-born Greek Catho lic (Melkite) archbishop last month went on a two-week hunger strike in Rome in support of He arrived here on Sunday and

said he had a 21/2-hour meeting with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

happy," Arch. Capucci said.

believe Mrs. Endrigkeit worked sentence for his conviction in

Jailed Arab denies ties to woman suspected of planting Berlin bomb

Palestinian has denied any ties to a woman authorities say planted a bomb in a West Berlin discotheque on his orders.

The April 5, 1986, blast at the La Belle Nightclub killed two U.S. soldiers and a Turkish woman and injured 229 others. The United States claimed that Libya was behind the attack and 10 days later retaliated by sending warplanes to bomb Tripoli and Benghazi. Western diplomats say more than 100 people were

West Berlin officials said it was still too soon to say whether Libya was behind the attack.

The denial by Ahmad Nawaf Hasi, read by his lawyer, came Tuesday as West Berlin officials interrogated Christina Gabrielle Endrigkeit, 27. She was arrested Monday in the northern port city of Luebeck. West Germany has mentioned

possible Syrian links with Arab attacks in West Berlin, but has not supported the U.S. contention of Libyan involvement in the La Belle bombing. Justice Department spokesman Volker Kaehne said authorities

for Hasi. He said Hasi is known to have visited Libya before the disco bombing. Hast is serving a 14-year prison

OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

Frankfurt (LH)

Christina Endrigkeit

another bombing in West Berlin. which a court ruled was plotted

Hasi's lawyer denied that his client was linked to Mrs. Endrigkeit and repeated Hasi's denial of involvement in the La Belle blast. But Mr. Kaehne said, "we still think there was a link" between

the two. "For the moment, interrogators are trying to establish what role she may have played in the bombing," he said.

Security sources said Mrs. Endrigkeit was suspected of having planted the bomb on behalf of Hasi and his brother, Nezar Hin-

Ambulance 193, 775111 Amman downtown fire brigade 198

Fire headquarters 622090-3
Police rescue 192, 621111. 637777
Police headquarters 639141
Traffic police 8963901
Electric Power Co. 636381/4, 624881

Municipal water complaints 771125/8 Queen Alia Intl. Airport (08)53330/60

HOSPITALS

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Shmeisani Hospital University Hospital Al-Muasher Hospital

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Hindawi is serving a 45-year sentence in Britain "for a foliat attempt to blow up" an brack airliner with 375 people aboard in April 1986.

Hasi was convicted in the March 29, 1986, bombing of West Berlin's German-Arab Friendship Society building that injured nine people. Hasi was arrested two weeks

after the La Belle attack and police found what appeared to be drawings of the club in his posselsion. The disco was popular with U.S. servicemen stationed in West Berlin and was crowded on the night of the attack. A West Berlin court claimed

that the friendship society attack was plotted by Hindawi and Syrian intelligence officials. Hindawi's trial in London also disclosed 'a Syrian connection.'

The United States on Tuesday revived allegations of Syria's complicity in attacks but said it could not link that Middle East ern country to the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque. We do have close cooperation

and coordination with German authorities, and we will continue to follow the investigation closely," said State Department spokesman Charles Redman. "To the best of my knowledge, in this case, the Germans themselves have not made any link with any specific country.

Silkworm missiles Iran 'may have received' new WASHINGTON (R) — Iran may the Gulf by an Iranian warship. small number of Silkworms —

have received a new shipment of Chinese-made Silkworm missiles on a cargo ship from North Korea on Tuesday, Reagan administra-

The officials, who asked not to be identified, said the Iranian ship left North Korea about 10 days ago and was scheduled to arrive in Iran on Tuesday with Silkworms, which have a range of 80 kilometres, and shorter-range "It was believed to carry a

JORDAN TELEVISION

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.... News in French

..... Apartheid Rags to Riches

... Now Music

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...... Our Mutual Friend

Programme Review

Rainbow Rite

Religious series Friday's prayer

Sport magazine
.. Art and Crafts

Believe It or No

Local programm

Viewers' choice (Arabic)

Children programmes
Mop and Smiff
Children's programmes
Wonderful World of Magic

French teaching programme
Men and Machine

21:30 Review of next week's program-

18:00 Rue Carnot 18:30 Carnets de L'aventure (French

...... World News Reports

...... News summary in Arabic Arabic film contd.

...... Varieties News in Hebrew

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Hornblower"

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28:30 A programme on the West Bank

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PROGRAMME TWO

possibly only one — and some Styx missiles," one of the officials told Reuters.

A U.S. television network reported on Tuesday that intelligence sources said a new shipment of the Silkworms had arrived in Iran and was being un-

ABC television said U.S. intelligence planes watched as a merchant ship carrying the missiles was escorted through the Strait of Hormuz at the bottom of

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BBC WORLD SERVICE

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News Headlines
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TV & RADIO

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The Silkworms — with 1,000pound (455-kilogramme) warheads that can sink or cripple a ship were being unloaded at the Iranian military port of Bandar Abbas, the network said.

report, but administration officials told Reuters there was Styx and Silkworm equipment near where the ship was loading before it left North Korea.

The officials declined to say

TODAY'S EVENTS

FILMS

★ "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American

"Hickirik" (Turkish) at 6:00 p.m. Thursday at the Turkish Cultural Cen-

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7

Y.W.M.A. 664251

Amman Municipal Library 636111 Univ. of Jordan Library 843555

MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00

a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mossics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th

centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Moseum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.).

Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a

Jordan Nameni Gainery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-

zah, Jabal Luwelbdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military

urkish Cultural Centre

WHAT'S GOING ON

The Defence Department had

no immediate comment on the

whether China sold the missiles to Iran. But Washington has warned the Chinese government previously to stop selling Iran the missiles, which have been fired at

ABC said that China had also sold Iran new Silkworm launchers that would allow it to fire the missiles from ships as well as land and would make it harder for U.S. intelligence units to keep track of the missiles.

Opening hours 9.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lious Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Lious Philadelphia Club. Meetings every manufacture of Control Wednesday.

the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn.
1:30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00

p.m. Royal Automobile Club, Jaral Amman, Eighth Circle, Tel. 816534,

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic)

Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammanclation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel.

Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic), Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel. 622366
Clurch of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383, chaplain's residence tel. 601359.

161. 771331.

Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafich, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751.

Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534

bapusa 677534. Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir, tel. 811295.

Good Shepherd's Church)

Interdenominational-ecumenical En-glish Service: Saturday 6:30 p.m. tel. 822605, Rev. Veli. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Salmts (Mormon) Tel. 815817, 821264.

Tel. 771331.

Until now, all Silkworms in Iran had been based on land.

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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INTERNATIONAL

ARRIVALS ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS

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	Doha, Bahrain (RJ)
	Dubai, Abu Dhabi (RJ)
17:35	New York, Vienna (RJ)
	Athens (RJ)
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9:25	Tripoli (add.) (RJ)
9:45	Rome (RJ)
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	Baghdad (TA)	
	Amsterdam (KLM)	
18:35	Cairo (MS)	
19:15	Frankfort (T.H)	
20:15	Zurich, Larmaca (SR)	
21:05	Paris (AF)	

DEPARTURES ROYAL JORDANIAN FLIGHTS

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	Abu Dhabi (
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20:40	Baghdad (RJ
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MONEY EXCHANGE

Wedn	esday rates
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.S. dollar	332.1/ 337.3
/. German mark	203.9 207.6

WEATHER

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It will be partly cloudy to cloudy, with chances for scattered showers at times. Winds will be northwesterly to westerly moderate. In Aqaba, it will be partly cloudy, with chances for scattered showers. Winds will be southerly ate and rough sea. Min./max. temp.

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 10, Aqaba 18. Humidity readings: Amman 87 per cent. Aqaba 60 per

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Dr. Jamal Ahu Baker ... 65.80.1

Dr. Naji Tayyem Firas pharmacy Ferdows pharmacy

Ai Asema pharmacy Nairoukh pharmacy Al Salam pharmacy ... Yacoub pharmacy 644949 637660 - -

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TAXIS: Al Wahida tazi Khaldous taxi

Bassam taxi Heyam taxi Balasemah taxi Bahrain taxi

Dr. Ahmad Nagouri Sharaa' pharmacy

Dr. Maysoon Hana Khalifeh pharmacy

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Price complaints

MARKET PRICES

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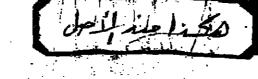
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Doha, Bahrain (GF)

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Rifai chairs medical institution board meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai Wednesday Lebent Marie evening chaired a meeting of the board of directors of the Jordapian Medical Institution (JMI) to review steps to be taken towards enabling the institution to begin operations and offer services to the public.

the prometry the meeting, it was agreed in principle that all government hospitals, the University ament hospitals, the University of Jordan Hospital and the Roya Medical Services Hospital should be included under the JMI. The participants also discussed

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ways to speed up work on the King Abdullah Hospital currently being built at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) near Irbid.

The meeting was attended by: Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. University of Jordan President Abdul Salam Al Majali, JUST President Kamel Ajlouni and Director-General of the Royal Medical Services Dr. Daoud Hanania, who is also president of



Minister of Interior Rajai Dajani Wednesday consults with Zarqa residents after opening a new Civil Defence Committee project there

Dajani tours badia police school in Azraq

Interior Rajai Dajani Wednesday visited the badia police school in Azraq and was briefed on its services. He later toured the school and observed its training

In Zarqa, the minister opened a new operations room for the Civil Defence Committee set up

jointly by the public and private

Attending the opening cere-mony was Civil Defence Department Director Lieutenant-General Khaled Tarawoeh, Zarqa Governor Eid Qatarneh and other

JEA to spend JD 19m on rural electrification

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Electricity Anthority (JEA) said Wednesday that the total amount of money to be spent for rural electrification in the Kingdom during the 1986-1990 Five-Year National Development Plan was expected to be JD 19 million.

A JEA spokesman said JD 20 amillion were spent on similar projects in Jordan during the iprevious plan, between 1981 and 1985. The financing of these proijects, the spokesman said, came and enable them to initiate economic projects in their regions. institutions.

According to the spokesman, a total of 721 villages in Jordan were supplied with electric power by the end of the past year, and the number representing nearly to cut
95 per cent of the total number of ment.

villages in the Kingdom and a total of 1,079,000 people benefitted so far from the rural electrification programme. The spokesman said a total of 141 villages inhabited by at least 30,000 people would be supplied with electricity during 1988.

The spokesman said speeding up the execution of these projects would also help stem the movement of people from rural to of subjects related to laws on and enable them to initiate eco-

Electric power, he said, is essential for such projects as poultry farms, handicrafts and rural industries and others related to cultural and social develop-

1987 potash production tops 1m

tonnes

KARAK (J.T.) — The Arab Potash Company (APC) last year produced 1,222,373 tonnes of potash which was marketed in 20 countries, APC Director-General Ali Nsour announced

Wednesday. He said that the company has been able to market abroad all potash produced from 1983 onwards, and that it plans to increase production and expand markets in the future.

Mr. Nsour, who was speaking at a press conference held at APC headquarters in Ghor Al Safi, said that between 1991 and 1986 APC's total production is expected to reach 2.2 million

The pan-Arab firm, which incurred losses in the past, recently embarked on an investment programme aimed at increasing out-

put and promoting marketing. Last month, APC announced that it would export 200,000 tonnes of potash to China during the first six months of 1988. The announcement said that the consignment would be sold at a price 15 per cent higher than that paid for Jordanian potash during the last six months of 1987. China last year imported a total of 300,000 tonnes of Jordanian potash.

Mr. Nsour said that Jordan's central location in the world enables it to market its products in Europe, Africa and Asia, in addition to using some of the potash to manufacture fertilisers locally.

Jordan holds a 52-per cent stake in the pan-Arab company. The other shareholders are: Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Libya and Kuwait Last year's production made Jordan the seventh largest pro-

Seminar planned on drugs

ducer of potash.

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan Medical Association (JMA) will next Tuesday organise a seminar on drugs and their negative impacts on society, according to an announcement made

Vednesday.
The JMA announcement said that lecturers, who, among others, include Colonel Hashem Al Qaisi from the Arab Bureau on Narcotics, could discuss a host e transcring in Jor dan, the real volume of drug addiction and causes that lead to addiction.

The seminar, to be held at the JMA headquarters in Amman, will also tackle educating people and spreading awareness among

Jordan, Italy review health services aid

nanced hospital in Karak, and Italy. Italy's contributions to health services in Jordan were discussed in a meeting here Wednesday.

Antonio Badini, deputy director of the Department of Cooperation and Development at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, discussed these questions with Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and other senior Health Ministry officials.

Mr. Badini explained the reasons behind the delay in the construction of the hospital in Karak, and said that a tender for the work will be announced in February.

Italy has promised to build the hospital at an estimated cost of \$7.5 million. The minister last month announced that designs were completed and referred to

AMMAN (J.T.) - Delays in the Health Ministry for study construction of an Italian-fi- before they were sent back to

> The discussions during the meeting, held at the minister's office and attended by Italian Ambassador to Jordan Luigi Amaduzzi, touched on Italy's plans to provide Jordan with two nursing experts to help set up an institute for training nursing teachers which the ministry intends to open by the start of the

next academic year. Italy will supply the institute with equipment as part of an assistance programme.

The discussions also covered the subject of providing Hamzeh and King Abdullah hospitals with medical equipment.

For the West Bank, Italy promised to provide \$10 million worth of equipment to improve and expand the services at hospitals in

Beit Jala, Hebron, Nablus and Jerusalem.

Before his meeting with Dr. Hamzeh, Mr. Badini called on Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan to discuss Italy's assistance to projects in the East and West Banks of Jordan, as well as means for promoting bilateral economic and technical cooperation.

Italy currently assists Jordan in the fields of technical and vocational training, archaeology, social schemes and through soft loans to finance development

Mr. Badini later met with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin and reviewed the current situation in the occupied Arab lands.

They also discussed the Jordanian-sponsored economic and social development programme for the occupied territories.

Tarawneh named secretary general of **Economic Consultative Committee**

pervising economic development

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Cabinet decided Wednesday to appoint Minister of State for Prime Ministry Affairs Fayez Tarawneh as secretary general and rapporteur of the Economic Consultative Council formed by the govern-

The Cabinet also appointed Mr. Khaldoun Abu Hassan, president of the Amman Chamber of Industry, and Dr. Rajai Muasher, former minister of industry and trade, as council members.

envoy briefed

on medicine

SALT (J.T.) - Sudanese

Ambassador to Jordan Radwan

Mahjoub Wednesday visited the

Arab Pharmaceutical Industries

Company in Salt and was briefed

The ambassador met with offi-

cials and discussed types of medi-

cine that are being marketed abroad. Mr. Mahjoub said that

Sudan imports a great deal of its

drugs from Jordan's phar-

The Salt company sells most of its 150 drugs to 23 Arab and

African countries, according to a company official. He noted that

locally-produced drugs are cur-

rently generating more than JD

In an address to a symposium

of Producers of Drugs and Medic-

al Appliances held in Amman last

month. His Royal Highness

Crown Prince Hassan said that

Jordanian pharmaceuticals have

reached a quality level compara-

ble to that of drugs produced in

the industrialised world.

ranised by the Arab Federation

maceutical companies.

18 million.

on its production programmes.

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government on related issues. The Cabinet also said in a statement Wednesday that Jordan would take part in a meeting

organised by the Arab Economic and Social Council in Tunis in mid-January to discuss means to increase trade exchange among

The council was set up by the Jordan would take part in a meet-Cabinet and entrusted with suing of the Universal Postal Union to be held in April in in the country and advising the Berne. Dr. Abdullah Al Jazi, secretary general of the Ministry of Telecommunications and Transport, will represent Jordan

> The Cabinet also announced that Jordan would take part in the 58th conference of officials in charge of the Arab Office for the Boycott of Israel due to be held in Damascus later this month.

The Cabinet also decided that

Jordan, Sweden discuss economic and trade links

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian and Swedish businessmen held a meeting here Wednesday to discuss bolstering bilateral economic and trade links.

The two sides also studied obstacles impeding trade between Jordan and Sweden, as well as freight charges, exchange rates and customs procedures. In addition, they discussed

ways to adjust the balance of trade between the two countries. which is currently in favour of Sweden.

The meeting, organised by the tries in the fields of a Swedish embassy in Amman, and the environment.

grouped leading businessmen from both countries.

Swedish Ambassador to Jordan Lars Lonnback attended the

The meeting follows a visit to Jordan last month by the Swedish Minister of Energy and the Environment Birgitta Dahl. At the conclusion of the visit, Mr. Lonnback described the Swedish minister's talks here as an opening and excellent opportunity for contacts between the two countries in the fields of energy, oil

AAU condemns university closures in occupied territories

AMMAN (Petra) — Secretary-General of the Association of tor-General of the United Na-Mohammad Faraj Dugheim has condemned the closure of Birzeit University and other higher education institutions in the occupied Arab territories by Israeli occupation authorities.

Arab Universities (AAU) tions Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO) Federic Mayor and other international organisations, calling on them to intervene in order to reopen these universities and to stop Israel's arbitrary measures against institutions of higher Dr. Dugheim sent messages to United Nations Secretary-Gener-tories.

Israel expels four Palestinians to Lebanon

Agreement signed on training maternal and child centre staff

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Health Tuesday signed an agreement that will provide training for 1,200 nurses, these services. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) will be con-

The training programme will cover four topic areas essential to providing birth spacing services: clinical techniques; information, patients; evaluation; and non-clinical management training. As a result, health care personnel will be able to inform female patients about techniques for spacing births to protect both materna and child health, and assist the patient in selecting the technique that best fits her own family. The centres will also provide patients with birth spacing products.

Trainees will attend four two-

week sessions. After each session they will return to their governo-rates to practice what they have learned. Training will take place in Amman, Irbid. Salt. Zarqa, and Karak. At the conclusion of the programme, selected trainees will visit health centres with outstanding birth spacing services in Tunisia, Turkey, and possibly Morocco to observe the latest systems and procedures developed there.

Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Amman will hold a reception Saturday to honour Mrs. Salwa Shuweihat, president of the General Federation of the

YWCA in Jordan. Mrs. Shrweihat was awarded the Independence Medal of the Second Order during the King-dom's celebration of internation-

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Young al Voluntry Day last December. She received the medal in appreciation for her continuous efforts in the field of voluntary work in

> Mrs. Shuweihat joined the YWCA in the late 1950s. She was president of the YWCA office here for two terms, and has been president of the federation since 1984.

Mubarak in Muscat

Egypt and Iran cut diplomatic ties last year after Cairo expelled Tehran's sole diplomat in the country for alleged involvement with a group working to over-

no tension" between Egypt and the Jewish state, stressing the necessity of working for a settlement of the Palestinian problem. He accused the Israeli premier.

very enthusiastic."

spokesman for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), said the protests began when hundreds of Arabs began chanting anti-Israeli slogans.

the scene in armoured cars and fired tear-gas and shots in the air, but Mr. Goulding was inside the camp clinic and was not involved in the protests, AP photographer

Mr. Lee said "one (tear-gas) projectile was delivered by a Leave," he told them.

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Goulding visits Rafah

lighted by a protest that erupted while U.N. envoy Marrack Goulding was visiting a Palesti-nian refugee camp in Gaza as part of his mission to report to the Security Council on the situation in the occupied territories. Israeli troops fired tear-gas and rubber bullets to break up the

refugee camp in Rafah, on the southern tip of the Gaza Strip and entered a medical clinic. Soon after, a crowd of about 500 Arabs hurled stones at the troops escort-

was that soldiers came into the camp during our visit," Mr. Goulding told reporters on arriving in Gaza City. "(The Arabs) were not mad at us. They made us feel very welcome. They were

"They were also angry about the conditions in which they lived and they had reason to be angry about that," he added.

Dieter Endlicher said.

as saying by the AP. Residents threw stones at the

Israeli troops, blocking Mr.

Goulding's departure in a car. U.N. deputy field administrator

Borie Lagerstrom asked the

Israeli soldiers to move. "You're

making an international incident.

them with stones. Mr. Goulding's three-car party drove past the stone-throwers and left the camp

After Mr. Goulding left, the army began rounding up journalists and expelling them from the camp. Troops confiscated film from Endlicher and another photographer, threatening to smash their cameras if he resisted.

Elsewhere, the Gaza Strip was relatively calmer Wednesday. Most of the 60,000 Gaza labourers who work in Israel stayed at home because of curfews, heavy rain and a strike called by Palestinian nationalists and Islamic fun-

The army said all but one of the eight refugee camps in the Gaza Strip and four of 20 camps in the under curfew or declared closed

military areas.
At Dheisheh camp in the West Bank, residents cut through a fence the army built alongside a main road to Jerusalem where Israeli vehicles have repeatedly been stoned

Meanwhile, Israeli ministers refused to say after a meeting of the 10-member inner cabinet whether they decided to enact harsh measures favoured by the prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, such as long curfews and a ban on Palestinian workers travelling to iobs in Israel.

Political sources said the meeting ended in a shouting match between the trade minister. Ariel Sharon, a hard-line member of the right-wing Likud group, and the foreign minister, Shimon

Jordan lambasts Israel

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and imposed fines worth almost

troyed 18 Arab homes, closed all schools, eight colleges and three universities, and seized more than 202 square kilometres of

Qalqilia, Hebron and Toulkarm. planted in Arab-owned land near Bethlehem and Housan; and

stole Arab-owned livestock. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) also condemned the Israeli expulsions and said the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories would

will not put an end to the people's uprising," the spokesman, Bassam Abu Sharif, said in a telephone interview from his office in Baghdad with the AP in Nicosia.

Abu Sharif said the four were

somewhere in South Lebanon, but had no further details. The four Palestinians earlier

case is an illegal charade. Their lawyers said the four made their decision after the Israeli army refused to reveal

major portions of the evidence

Queen visits social institution for children

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Wednesday visited Al Hussein Social Institution for Children in Ashrafiveh to inspect the scope and variety of services offered to the children aged between one day and six years.

Established by the Ministry of Social Development in 1953, the institution admits children of the following cases: the loss of both, or either, parents, divorce cases; family disintegration; children of convicted or deviant parents; as well as rare situations where specialised authorities admit the child to the institution for lack of another home to accept, or bear responsibility for, the child. The institution administers its

services through a specialised team of social workers whose responsibilities are to group the children according to age and assign their respective housing wings, which include a special room for newborns and a room for children suffering from underdeveloped mental growth. The institution's team also en-

sures a place for the children at neighbouring kindergartens and schools where children have the opportunity to interact and befriend their peers.

The children are visited by a general physician four times a week, and cases that require spe-



specialised physicians at government and private hospitals in the

In view of the institution's limited accommodation capacity, however, some children have been transferred to the SOS Chil-

dren's Village in Tareq. Furthermore, the minister of labour and social development Rashid Ureikat declared that hewill assign a specialised team at the ministry to conduct a comprehensive statistical survey on the social factors and reasons leading to unattended and uncared-for cial treatment are transferred to children in the country.

PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF **JORDAN** NATIONAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (UDP3)

The Government of The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan with funding from the World Bank and the Housing Bank of Jordan intends to proceed with a National Urban Development Project (UDP3) to provide new housing and upgrading schemes with their related infrastructure, schools and community buildings for low income residents in selected locations throughout Jordan. The project represents a five years investment period expected to begin in 1988 and continue to the end of 1992.

The project includes upgrading of existing squatter and slum areas as well as new developments that cover various sites in major urban centers throughout Jordan including Amman, Agaba, new developments will provide a total of 1825 residential plots with On-site infrastructure consisting of roads, footpaths, water, sewer, drainage, electricity and telephone supplies, and a variety of housing core units and building material loans. Off-site infrastructure, health centers, emergency centers, women training centers, community centers, and schools would also be provided to serve some of the project sites. Upgrading schemes will provide service to (3500) existing residential plots with their related infrastructure (Water, Sewerage, Drainage, Roads and Footpaths, Electricity and Telephone Networks and Landscaping) and community facilities will also be included in this project.

All construction works will be tendered in specific contract packages for which prequalification of contractors will be initiated during March/April 1988 and tender invitations are scheduled to be issued in August 1988 for the first contract, and the remaining at intervals thereafter.

Local contractors as well as foreign contractors from member countries of the World Bank, Switzerland, and Taiwan, China are invited to contact Urban Development Department at the address below to purchase the pregualification document.

Civil and building works would be grouped into about (19) bid invitations and goods into about (24) bid invitations, bidding is expected to take place from Mid. 1988 to June

Potential bidders for the 24 goods contract who wish to be included in the mailing list to receive notes of the availability of bidding documents for one or more of these contracts are advised to express their interest in writing to the address below.

Local Contractors should be registered at the Ministry of Public Works and classified as First class or Second class or Third class contractors in both fields of building and, water and sewerage for the execution of all sections of the Work, and/or classified as First class or Second class or Third class contractors in buildings for the execution of Schools and Community buildings contracts only.

It is anticipated that two main contracts will be issued for some sites one will include infrastructure and on-plot construction, and the other will cover construction of community facilities buildings.

Prequalification documents will be available on January 10th, 1988 against a non-refundable payment of JD 50 and must be returned in a sealed package marked "Prequalification Statement" to the mentioned address here below not later than March 9th. 1988 twelve noon local time.

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midwives, and physicians to serve patients throughout the Kingdom with birth spacing information and services. Under the agreement, RONCO company of Washington D.C. will train 40 Ministry of Health personnel, some from each of the seven governorates, and they, in turn, will instruct personnel in their home governorates in providing

tributing up to \$575,000 towards the cost of the programme.

education, and counselling for YWCA to honour volunteer

Jordan.

(Continued from page 1) has stressed Egyptian support for Galf states which feel threatened by Iran

throw the government.

Mr. Muharak said there was

Yitzhak Shamir, of trying to "cover up... for what is happening in the occupied territories." Mr. Mubarak accused Israel Monday of violating the 1979 Egypt-Israel treaty, by declaring Jerusalem its capital and annex-

ing the Golan Heights. Shamir denied the accusation and charged in turn that Egyptian forces had fired on Palestinian demonstrators in a refugee camp on the border of the Gaza Strip. Mr. Mubarak Wednesday re-peated Egyptian denials of the shooting.

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Wednesday's expulsions came as the occupied territories went through another day of the anti-Israeli protests.

The day's events were high-

Israel claimed Mr. Goulding's presence, accompanied by TV crews, provoked the violence. Mr. Goulding blamed the army.
Mr. Goulding, a U.N. deputy
secretary general, arrived at a

ing the visitors. "What really made them angry

Bill Lee, chief Middle East

Army reinforcements rushed to

still warm." Mr. Goulding made a brief

walking tour through the camp during his two-hour visit but said he was not fully aware of what happened until he reached his car. He was then told soldiers had detained one 14-year-old for stone-throwing, and U.N. officials intervened to get the boy

released "We know that you live in unacceptable conditions, Mr. Goulding earlier told demonstrators, speaking through a bullhorn. "I know your views. You have told me your views. I know that you want the occupation to

end and to end as soon as possible." When Mr. Goulding entered the camp, a crowd formed and began chanting nationalist

Palestinian slogans.
"With our blood and souls we will sacrifice ourselves," the crowd shouted. "Down with Israel and down with the USA." "These wishes of the people of Rafah are going to be communicated to the world and that is because next week the secretary general will present a report,

"That report will say what the people of Rafah want and that is a promise I make to you," he As he walked through the camp, Mr. Goulding listened to Palestinians telling him their

grievances and chanting slogans.

Mr. Goulding told the residents.

One man kissed him. "I told them that the U.N. secretary general (Javier Perez de Cuellar) is very concerned about their situation in Gaza and determined in his desire to get a political solution to the problem." Mr. Goulding was quoted

at high speed.

damentalists.

occupied West Bank were either

44,000 dollars. It said the Israelis had des-

land. It said the Israelis also built more settlements near Nablus, In addition, the bulletin said, Israeli settlers uprooted olive and other fruit trees which were

continue. "This oppressive Israeli action

"Our decision in clear. Our revolution will continue and the only solution is that the occupation itself should end."

had dropped their appeal against deportation because they believe the Israeli military review of their

against them. "This behaviour is a new sign of Israel's disregard of interna-tional bodies and United Nations Security Council resolutions," Abu Sharif said, referring to the Israeli army's refusal.

"It reaffirms the need for an urgent resolution to send U.N. troops to protect our people against officially organised Israeli terrorism, and for the implementation of previous resoluبوران تايعز يوميه عربيه سيضية مستكلة تصدر بالإنجليزية عن الزمسة المسهلية الأربنية

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An affront to the world

THE humiliating way Israel has obstructed the mission of United Nations Under-Secretary-General Marrack Goulding in the West Bank and Gaza is an added demonstration of how intolerably arrogant, defiant and spoilt Israel has become. In a series of efforts to undermine Mr. Goulding's mission on behalf of the U.N. Security Council, which included giving him a cool and inhospitable reception and preventing him at gunpoint from visiting Palestinian refugee camps, Israel is telling the world that it will, as it has always done, take international law into its own hands.

Israel must be reminded that it is a creation of the U.N., to whom it owes its existence within specific boundaries delineated by the U.N. General Assembly 40 years ago. By defying the U.N. and its senior representatives, Israel has demonstrated an arrogance that needs to be blunted by the international community. Since when, we ask, does the legality of United Nations resolutions, especially those adopted by the Security Council, depend on Israel's acceptance of them? Yet, this is exactly what Israel has been trying to say with regard to the latest U.N. Security Council resolution which deployed Israel's ways of dealing with the Palestinian uprising. It just happens that the Security Council is the main international body entrusted with maintaining international peace and security. It also happens that this council is empowered by the United Nations Charter to adopt resolutions which are not only binding on all the parties to whom they are addressed, but also enforceable by a series of measures available to it.

It is time for the Security Council to put an end to this continuous Israeli defiance of its resolutions and take the necessary measures available to it under the U.N. Charter, in order to redress Israel's penchant to act as an outlaw state. Israel's disgraceful way of dealing with Mr. Goulding on his mission of peace is an affront to the whole world. Israel must not be allowed to get away with it.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: PSD fulfils its role

IN a statement to Al Ra'i newspaper on Tuesday His Majesty King Hussein praised the efforts of the Public Security Department and the police force in the Kingdom in maintaining security and stability and peace. It must be said that stability and security have characterised Jordan under King Hussein's rule, making the country an oasis of stability and prosperity in the Middle East region. The Jordanian people have all along shown keenness on cooperation for promoting progress and prosperity in the country and for ensuring security and peace for all citizens. Through this cooperation and through the relentless efforts of the Public Security Department the country has succeeded in closing all doors before crimes and other problems that plague other societies. It is because all citizens feel that they are responsible for their own security and that of their countrymen that Jordan has been well known for its peaceful society and for stability achieved within a framework of security and peace. Over the years the security forces have been on alert, thwarting all attempts by criminals to tamper with the security of this country and thus they laid down the basis for prosperity by creating a favourable atmosphere for investment. As King Hussein said in a statement to the newspaper, the security forces have gone a long way in contributing towards their country's development by ridding the Jordanian society of all

Al Dustour: Israel's disregard of U.N.

BY refusing to allow U.N. envoy Marrack Goulding from entering refugee camps in the occupied Arab lands Israel has shown its utmost disregard to the United Nations organisation and its secretary general who had dispatched Goulding to the area to investigate Israel's actions. By blocking the mission of the U.N. envoy, Israel has thus sent a message to the world organisation expressing its disregard and disrespect of its actions and reiterating its own rejectionist stance which it had been adopting over the past 40 years of existence. But it should be noted that Israel feels quite safe and backed by major powers in all that it does and in its notorious actions. It is no secret that the United States continues to provide total protection to the Jewish state insulating Israel against all condemnation and U.N. sanctions. Following the recent U.N. Security Council resolution calling on Israel to refrain from deporting the Arab youths from their homeland, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz announced that U.S. support for Israel will continue and the resolution for which Washington had voted must not be construed as a change of America's stand towards Israel. This statement was another form of backing for Israel and served as an encouragement to the Jewish state to pursue its atrocities and criminal actions against the Arab population.

Sawt Al Shaab: Ensuring people's security

KING Hussein expressed his pride in the security system and the Public Security Department during a ceremony for graduating new police officers. The King's patronage of the graduation ceremony was a show of support for the security forces in their endeavour to preserve security, stability and peace in the Kingdom. The King has shown appreciation of the men who have dedicated their lives and their efforts to ensure continued peace and security thus enabling Jordan to pursue the process of construction and development. King Hussein said in a statement that security and stability are essential elements for this country and for its existence, enabling all citizens to shoulder their responsibility for serving the future generations. The graduates had successfully completed an extensive training programme laid down by the Public Security Department which is designed to ensure the maximum limit of security and peace.

Punishing the innocent: Israeli house demolition and sealing in the West Bank

The following article is part of a published by the Council for unlikelihood of receiving the necessary permit. Families are Advancement of Arab-British Understanding.

The practice

THE ISRAELI military authorities demolish and seal Palestinian houses in two situations. In the first instance demolition orders are routinely issued against houses allegedly built without the proper building permits. Often the question of permits, which is highly complicated by the labyrinth of military regulations governing the Palestinians in the occupied territories, is used in instances where Israeli settlers or authorities wish to expropriate land for their own

The second reason given for the destruction of homes is security. Families with one or more members detained for alleged 'security" offenses involving violence or potential violence against the State of Israel are

vulnerable to such action, Two different measures are used to deny persons access to their homes. In the more extreme instance, the military completely destroy the targeted house by buildozer or by explosives. Alternatively, the authorities decide to seal rather than demolish houses. Entire houses or parts of houses are closed off. In cases of partial sealings, it is most often the room in which the suspect is said to have slept that is sealed. However, because many Palestinian families share a single sleeping room, this does not restrict the effect of the measure to the accused. In several instances the sealing of a single room has resulted in preventing access to a second room, or in cutting off the electricity for the whole house.

The procedure

The military authorities generally decide to demolish or seal a house shortly after the arrest of one of the inhabitants of the house, and following the eliciting of some sort of confession from the detainee. The military commander governing the West Bank, issues a demolition or sealing order extra-judicially, i.e. his action is not contingent upon a court decision. In most cases the order is given before the detainee has been convicted or even charged. Sometimes the military has carried out demolitions and sealings even though no actual arrest has been made because the authorities cannot find the suspect. In several instances a house was demolished even after the suspect had been killed, as in Samou' in October 1985.

Generally the arrival of army troops is the first official notice a family is given concerning the order against their house. It is customary for the military authorities to clamp a curfew on the village or the area in which the house is located just prior to the demolition. The family is permitted anywhere between fifteen minutes and an hour to remove their belongings from the house. Israeli army units then proceed to destroy the house with a bulldozer or dynamite. In the case of sealings, soldiers block windows with corrugated metal or cement cinder blocks and hermetically seal doors.

In only very few cases in the past have the Israeli authorities granted house owners permission to reopen or rebuild their houses. In a number of cases, houses have remained sealed even after the detainee completed his or her prison term and was released. The military visits the house sites periodically to ensure that homes are not rebuilt or reopened. In a case in Yatta, the owners of a house that was demolished in October 1985 following the arrest of their son, Ahmad Mahmoud Ahmad Al Najar, rebuilt their house in 1986, only to have it promptly demolished again in January 1987. The reason given by the authorities for the demolition of the second house: The family had not obtained a building permit.

Demolitions in international conventions and human rights

House demolitions and sealings constitute a flagrant violation of international law and conventions. First, the Israeli authorities have used demolitions and sealings as a form of collective punishment; it is usually the family of the accused who suffer - for activities in which they did not take part. This directly contra-dicts Article 50 of the Hague Regulations of 1907 and Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949. Second, the Israeli High Court has affirmed that these demolitions are used as a deterrent and/or as a punitive measure. There is no suggestion that the measure is carried out because of military necessity, as is required by Article 53 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. The measure is therefore used in direct violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention. Furthermore, the decision to demolish a house is made outside of the court system and demolition and sealing orders are generally issued before the accused has been brought to trial or convicted, thus precluding any semblance even of the right to due process. Finally, the practice of demolishing houses punishes persons for a suspected action for which they are not responsible, thus constituting arbitrary interference in an individual's home and property, which is expressly prohibited by Article 12 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. A more detailed account of the legal arguments surrounding the practice of house demolitions is given in Section III

The results

Severe hardships are inflicted upon those whose houses are demolished or sealed. Because the demolition or sealing is the family receives the order, and because a curfew often restricts the movement of anyone who might seek outside help, there is usually no chance for the inhabitants to obtain a temporary restraining order from the Israeli High Court. In the past the authorities often denied inhabitants permission to rescue their belongings, in an apparent attempt to leave the victims, not only homeless, but also without any means of subsistence. In recent cases victims have more often been permitted to remove their possessions from the house, but the short time which they are given is hardly adequate. Even when the victims are able to save their ossessions, clothes, furniture, food supplies and books are often damaged because there is no place to store them against the weather.

The authorities offer no compensation to the victims except in rare cases. Nor do they offer any suggestions as to where the displaced persons should go for shelter. Although the Red Cross has provided a number of victims with tents, such shelter is seldom adequate and cannot be regarded as more than a temporary solution. In some cases the tent itself is useless because the authorities declare the land a closed area. A closed area is an area which cannot be entered by anyone unless by explicit permission from the military authorities. Thus displaced persons are denied access to their own land, and have no place to put the tent. In addition to the loss of shelter and storage space, victims of demolitions and complete sealings are left without water and electricity. It is impossible to maintain proper hygiene under such conditions, and in some cases the combination of inadequate shelter, poor bygiene, food shortage and the very trauma of losing one's house has had serious effects on the health of demolition victims, especially children.

The difficulty of the situation is further accentuated by the fact that the imprisonment of a family member often deprives that family of their major source of income. In some instances the demolition or sealing destroyed the victims' means of livelihood. Even those few families who might have the financial resources to rebuild their houses are bindered from doing so by the

therefore forced to endure such conditions without any guarantee that the punishment they received will ever be lifted. Essentially they are punished indefinitely, while even the detainee has the knowledge that she/he will receive a definite prison

History

The demolition and sealing of Palestinian houses by the Israeli authorities in the West Bank and Gaza is not a new development; it has been a practiced form of punishment and/or deterrent since the beginning of the Israeli occupation, and is based on the Defence (Emergency) Regulations instituted by the British Mandatory power in 1945.

In the early years of the occupation the destruction of houses and property could be divided into four broad categories: The destruction of entire villages, the partial destruction of villages or towns, the destruction of whole quarters of cities, and the demolition of houses, hospitals, shops, offices and other pri-

vately owned property. From the beginning of the occupation in June 1967 until March 31, 1968, the Israeli authorities demolished at least sixteen entire Palestinian villages and partially destroyed another 32 villages and towns in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In June and July of 1967 Yalou, Beit Nouba and Umwas, the three largest villages in the Latroun area (on the main road from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv) were razed to the ground. In Yalou at least three elderly persons died under the rubble because they were not able to leave their houses quickly enough. The responsible Israeli officers cited the destruction as necessary because of the "strategic location" of the villages and the effort to "straighten the border."

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) also documented massive destruction in the villages of Surif, Beit Awwa, Beit Marsem and Al Shuyoukh in the Hebron area; and Jiftlik, Agarich and Nuseirat in the Jordan Valley, in the same year. In the seven villages and towns of Qalqilya, Yalou. Umwas, Beit Nouba, Beit Awwa, Habla and Jiftlik, 3.916 ouses were destroyed leaving

18,385 people homeless. Another 220 families (about 650 people) were left homeless after the entire Mughrebiya Quarter in the Old City of Jeru-1967. One hundred and thirtyeight houses, including living quarters and business offices and shops were demolished. On June 10, and early on June 11, the occupants were notified of the impending demolition. The destruction began on June 11 and was completed within forty-eight

The Israeli authorities defended such destruction as a necessary military operation dur-ing the 1967 war. However, the U.N. Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Population of the Occupied Territories has refuted this claim, asserting that much of the destruction was not related to "military necessity", as permitted by Article 53 of the Fourth Geneva Convention."

The town of Quneitra in the Golan Heights is another exam-



The house of Tariq Ahmed Husein Nimr in 'Anabta, sealed on 22 August, 1985.

pie. In 1974, the U.N. Special Committee visited the site of this town in response to allegations that it had been destroyed by Israeli forces before the end of the 1973 war. The Committee observed that "the destruction, whatever its cause, had been selective and reflected a degree of precision and deliberateness", and noted that this was inconsistent with bombing or other war operations.

In fact, Quneitra was occupied without fighting in 1967. There was likewise no fighting there in 1973, and the town was not the target of aerial bombardment in the time between the two conflicts. The Committee concluded that the destruction of Quneitra had been carried out in the near past with the use of explosives and heavy equipment such as bulldozers.

The massive number of house demolitions continued unrestrained throughout the first ten years of the Israeli occupation. There is documentation for at least 19,152 destroyed houses in the West Bank, Gaza, Golan Heights, and East Jerusalem from June 1967 to June 1974.

The practice of house demolitions and sealings was greatly curbed in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Authoritative sources cite that just over 100 houses were sealed or demolished in the West Bank and Gaza Strip from 1979 to 1982. This trend continued into the first months of 1985.

The iron fist policy

Beginning in May 1985, however, the number of house demoli-Israeli authorities increased dramatically. Fiftyfive houses were demolished or sealed for "security" reasons in 1985 in the West Bank alone. Another forty-eight houses were demolished or sealed in 1986. By the end of June 1987 thirty-two more houses had been wholly or partially sealed or demolished. As a result close to a thousand persons have been displaced by house demolitions or sealings since May of 1985 for professed security reasons. The fate of an additional number of houses remains unknown: There are several cases where the families of individuals who were arrested on political charges suspected that their house was targeted for demolition or sealing, and appealed to the Israeli High Court before the authorities could carry out any demolition or sealing order. These families were granted temporary prevention orders, and they are now waiting for the court to convene. The renewal of extensive demolitions and sealings took place three months before the announcement of the Iron First policy in August 1985. The Israeli government launched this new policy in an effort to crack down on an alleged increase in Palestinian resistance inside the occupied territories. In addition to house demolitions, the policy has involved a step-up in other extrajudicial punishments against the Palestinian population in the occupied territories. The authorities reinstituted deportations and administrative detentions (imprisonment without trial for periods of up to six months; at

administrative detention order can be renewed for further six month periods each time it expires) which had not been used since the early 1980s. In addition, the military presence in occupied towns and villages, as well as the harassment of the general population by the military, has

House demolitions and sealings as a political policy

The fluctuation in the frequency and intensity with which Israel has used the practice of property destruction indicates that a concrete political decision preceded the increased use of house demolitions and sealings as a form of punishment. Israel's policymakers have determined at various times that house demolitions and sealings are an effective means of achieving political seen as expedient.

In an interview broadcast by The Voice of Israel" in 1968, Brigadier Shlomo Gazit, then head of the Israeli military government in the occupied territoraction, a punishment which is supposed to deter others." This argument is still used and accepted as a justification for the continued practice of demolitions and sealings today. It is explicitly stated in the High Court decision concerning three houses in Burqa on March 24, 1986.

Indeed it appears that the prac-tice of demolishing houses in part of a larger Israeli plan which certain actions. House demolitions have compelled Palestinians to leave the occupied territories. as evidenced in personal accounts policy.

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of victims of demolitions, like the following account, submitted by a resident of the Jabalya Refugee

camp in Gaza: "After the demolition of our houses, shops and Beford Truck. we had no means of living in the (Gaza) Strip, and fearing for the safety of my brothers, their families and children, we left the Strip to earn our living on the East Bank of the lordan.

As Brigadier Gazit further

pointed out in the radio interview, demolitions are more effective than the simple expropriation of land, since expropriation is reversible. The systematic destruction of property has forced Palestinians from their land with very little chance of retrieving it, and thus left land wide open for Israeli use. In the Latroun area for instance, where the three villages of Yalou. Beit Nouba and Umwas were destroyed in 1967, the land was quickly prepared for farming and divided up among neighbouring kibbutzim. Today the area includes several settlements as well as Canada Park, a nature reserve area, Hence the destruction of property has served Israeli objectives, gaining control of the occupied territories by displacing Palestinians. House demolitions in the Gilo area on the outskirts of Jerusalem are just one recent example of this.

Despite the effectiveness of the practice, there have been periods during which the Israeli government has curtailed its use of house demolitions and scalings. The extremely repressive measures taken by the military methorities against the population in the occupied territories during the first sen years of the occupations, evoked beavy criticism from international quarters. As a country which has been dependent on international support both in its founding and for its continued economic progress, Israel has at times demonstrated a high sensitivity to such condemnation. Although it is difficult to ascertain the specific events which prompted changes in Israeli policy, it is likely that the decline in house demolitions in the late 1970s and early 1980s was related to widespread international protest against the prac-

The recent upsurge in house demolitions and scalings suggests that Israel currently feels more vulnerable to domestic demands for such a policy than to external pressures opposing it. Since the Israeli release of 1,150 Palestinians in the prisoner exchange of May 20, 1985, leaders of the objectives, while at other times Israeli settler movement have betheir demand for stricter control of Palestinians in the territories. Settlers, well-armed and trained, have demonstrated that if the Israeli government refuses to get .rid of the "terrorists," they are ies, stated that the demolition of ready to take matters into their houses is "essentially a deterrent own hands. In a mass rally in Tel Aviv on June 16, 1985 organised in protest at the prisoner exchange, Israeli Knesset Member Avner Shaki (of the National Religious Party) stated that in addition to the death penalty and deportation of "Arabs guilty of terrorist crimes," it was also 'necessary to blow up terrorists' houses and deport their families." In an apparent effort to maintain control, the besieged involves more than simply deter-ring persons from committing the early Summer of 1985 with increased house demolitions and sealings, and then, in August 1985, announced the Iron Fist

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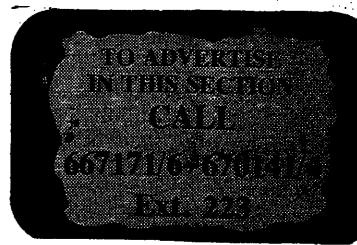
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Cats, cats and more cats: Bane of an Egyptologist

By Mimi Mann The Associated Press

SAKKARA, Egypt — It's not that Egyptologist Alain-Pierre Zivie doesn't like cats. "It's just that when I see a cat, even a friend's cat, I can't help but think of it mummified and wrapped in linen," he says.

The soft-spoken Frenchman has found so many felines in that condition that, quite by accident, he seems fated to trace the history of the house cat from its early days in Egypt to the armchairs of the world.

He's unearthed many hundreds of mummified cats over seven archaeological seasons. The biggest appeared to be a wildcat, while one tiny wooden coffin yielded a mummified cat fetus. In Cairo's archaeological community. Zivie became the cat

man of Sakkara. Zivie's march into the ancient world of the Egyptian cat began in 1981 in Sakkara, a wasteland of sandy, catacombed hills 20 miles

The state of the s

Tantalised by inscriptions of Aper-El, an official interred 3,300 years ago inside a picturesque mound fronting the Sakkara necropolis, Zivie set out to find. Aper-El's burial chamber. He wanted to answer questions about one of antiquity's most enigmatic eras, to shed light on why the renegade Pharaoh Akhenaten exchanged Egypt's pantheon of gods for one supreme deity. Aper-El was Akhenaten's minis-

Crawling on his stomach, inching through dust- and rubblefilled chambers, the Egyptologist came upon a network of tombs reused continually over 1,500

Some of these buried worlds, he found, were not human, and from their blackened chambers came fumes so intense he choked. Then he saw the cat mummies, stacked or scattered, as far into the dark as his light reached. As the years went by, more were

Cat mummies found elsewhere in Egypt were bandaged intricately, with inlaid eyes, but Zivie's

The Sakkara cats were wrapped only in simple linen layers. Zivie found many unwrapped, either by tomb robbers seeking more valuable finds or by the turbulence of the mountain's soft limestone as it crumbled over the centuries, cascading tombs into tombs. Some bandages contained a full cat mummy, others only a

Many of the mummies still have visible hair, the favourite colour combination yellowishred. Many are striped.

Assisting Zivie is French paleontologist Leonard Ginsburg, augmenting his on-site inspection of the cat nummies by studying surviving tomb paintings, frescoes and bronzes. The cats they depict are familiar to 20th century cat-lovers: Cats curled up beneath their masters'

favourite chairs, nursing kittens, near the hill with the cat mumfound dates from the seventh mies, which might explain their century B.C., the latest from children.

"Some historians believe the first house cats were wild, with long coats, but these cat mummies have short hair and look a lot like modern cats," Zivie said. "They're regular cats, with long forelegs that sometimes were curved under the body during mummification.

Evidence of the cat's place in ancient Egyptian hearts dates from at least 4,000 years ago. Records show that the pet was worshipped in temples and in homes. The cat was among the first possessions to be rescued from a burning house, and the death of a cat was cause for deep mourning. During some periods, killing a sacred cat was a capital

tion of the mummies has shown that while some cats died naturally, others appear to have been strangled. "Perhaps as offerings to Bastet," Zivie said, referring to the ancient cat goddess. He said some historians believe a temple dedicated to her stood

Nevertheless, Zivie's examina-

The hill's crumbly, low-grade limestone has made Zivie's dig particularly precarious, but this year French engineers working on a new subway system in Cairo gave him a hand.

Using concrete and steel, theyrefortified the underground shafts, providing a safe-66-foot deep, four-level entryway into the burial chamber of Aper-El. Zivie has finished his work for the current cool season, but next fall he will face the mountain again in another attempt to satisfy the original curiosity that brought him to Sakkara, the quest for information about Akhenaten's

The French foreign ministry and CNRS, France's National Centre for Scientific Research, sponsor Zivie's team. Under terms of its concession from the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation, it must report on all artifacts from the dig, even those like the cat mummies that crop up accidentally.

The earliest mummy Zivie has

A.D. first century. Zivie's cat mummies are not unique in Egypt. Many animals - snakes, mice, gazelles, bulls and cows, beetles, baboons, falcons, crocodiles and dogs --- were embalmed for special burials, some apparently bred solely for sacrifice.

Zivie said the practice of animal mummifcation was strong particularly during Greco-Roman times beginning at 332 B.C. It was a difficult period for Egypt, when believers asked animals to intercede with a god for favours and donated animal mummies in

Noboy knows how widespread animal sacrifice was, but there must have been a brisk business in the dedication of cat mummies.

In the 1800s, hundreds of tonnes of mummified cats, an estimated 300,000 mummies or portions, were shipped from burial places in middle Egypt's Beni Hassan to the British port of Liverpool. There they were ground into powder and spread on British gardens as fertilizer.

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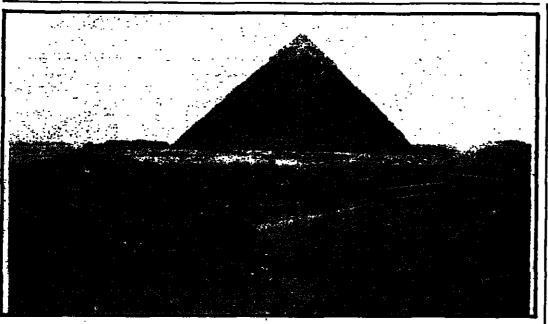
These birds add to the beauty of the country and I have seen people stopping their cars just to watch the parrots, curious at the presence of these birds on our trees.

I was told that these birds may have migrated from the Gulf, where over the years they were brought from India and Asia. So it seems that the parrots have chosen Jordan as their peaceful haven. But unfortunately not for long, I am

Youngsters are hunting the birds and selling them in the souks of Amman. Needless to say that the birds, locked in tiny cages, do not stand much chances for survival. Other children are even more cruel. In the area of the First Circle, people have witnessed a group of youngsters who regularly come at 4 a.m. to "hunt" the parrots. They use air guns or slingshots. One of my readers told me she had a hole in her window made by one of the stray bullets.

The Royal Society for the Preservation of Nature should attend immediately to this hostility to the birds. We must be lucky to have these beautiful birds around and we should protect them. If those who sell the parrots are fined, maybe the youngsters won't find it a good business to catch the birds any more.

As for those who hunt the parrots, just for the pleasure of killing, they must be caught and fined, in order to discourage anybody of doing the same.



Working in the shadow of the pyramids, an international expedition co-sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation found a disassembled 4,600-year-old boat built for Pharaoh Khufu

High-tech tools turn up archaeological treasures

By Donald J. Frederick

image of a 4,600-year-old boat in ly appeared on a TV monitor at the base of the Great Pyramid at

The vision elicited awed silence, followed by cries of jubilation, from scientists and technicians. The Oct. 20 find, by an international expedition cosponsored by the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation and the National Geographic Society, ended years of speculation about the contents

for Pharaoh Khufu (Cheops), appeared to be similar to one found in 1954 in another sealed pit a short distance away.

Almost as important as the discovery to expedition members was the knowledge that under their supervision, archaeology's newest high-technology tools had functioned flawlessly.

The initial image on the monitor clearly showed the cedar planks of the ancient craft, flecked with mortar that had fallen

constructed museum just south of the pyramid. But there were never any plans

to excavate the pit of the newly found craft. The scientists left it undisturbed in its original surroundings, subject only to time's ravages, not man's.

Before attempting to reach the pit, the team had to design a special air lock for the carbidetipped drill, which cut through more than 5 feet of limestone to get to the underground chamber.

The 3.5-inch passage made by the Black & Decker drill allowed the scientists to draw air samples and lower a special camera into the pit so that video photographs could be taken. The air lock prevented the

transfer of air either in or out, ensuring that not only the pit's contents, but its atmosphere, would remain virtually undis-

The air samples are being analysed for their physical, biolo-

from the sealed roof throughout gical, and chemical contents. In the United States, Pieter Tans, a The first boat, which also had research scientist at the Universi-GIZZA, Egypt — The sharp been found disassembled, was ty of Colorado, will do most of excavated, fitted together, and the air analysis for the National eventually placed in a specially Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Some of the carbon dioxide from the air will be examined for its carbon-14 content and dated with another high-tech tool used by archaeologists — the accelerator mass spectrometer at the University of Arizona.

Capable of detecting and separating atoms on the basis of their characteristic ratios of mass to electric charge, the instrument can date smaller and older artifacts more accurately than conventional carbon-14 dating methods. The accelerator can date samples as small as a milligram, about the size of a pinbead.

The non-destructive aspects of such artifact testing appeal to scientists. "In the past, if you had a really important bone artifact, to grind up the whole thing to get a meaningful date," says University of Arizona anthropologist John W. Olsen. "Now you can shave off just a sliver of the specimen and get meaningful re-

Olsen, one of the growing number of scientists using hightech tools to make archaeological breakthroughs, recently used remote-sensing images produced from spacecraft to locate five early-man sites in China's bleak

"The images showed up the confluences of ancient rivers buried beneath the sand, so we knew where to look for our sites. It sure beat random sampling of 300,000 square kilometres of desert," he says.

Other dramatic desert sites were revealed in southern Egypt and northern Sudan a few years ago when space-shuttle radar images showed outlines of ancient river valleys - some larger than the Nile's - beneath the sand. A subsequent expedition turned up hundreds of Stone Age tools, some more than 250,000 years old, in hidden river deposits.

Remote-sensing devices on spacecraft have also detected Maya ruins in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, an ancient canal system in Guatemala, and prehistoric sites covered with volcanic ash in Costa Rica.

Still more dramatic discoveries are in prospect as lower costs make the new sensing techniques available to more archaeologists. Scaled-down versions of remotesensing devices are being placed in aircraft and even in low-flying

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dee system, one of archaeology's newest high-technology readied by Claude E. "Pete" Petrone of the National Society's photographic special-projects team in Egypt.

Soviet woman sets 500-m world best

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MOSCOW (R) - Olga Nazarova of the Soviet Union set a world

indoor best for the 500 metres at an athletics competition m

Moscow, TASS news agency reported on Wednesday. Nazarova clocked one minute 7.67 seconds, nearly a second faster than the

STUTTGART, West Germany (R) — Italian Formula One Driver Andrea de Cesaris has signed for the newly-formed West

German Rial motor racing team for the 1988 Grand Prix season, Rial said on Wednesday. De Cesaris, 28, has driven in 104 Grands Prix for McLaren, Alfa Romeo, Ligier. Minardi and Brabham without winning a race. The Rial ream, which is looking for a

second driver, is led by West German businessman Guenther Schmid who headed the Ats Formula One team from 1977 to

previous mark set by her compatriot Marina Kharlamova.

De Cesaris signs for W. German team

Cuba says decision on participation to be announced Sunday

China nods yes for Seoul Games

HONG KONG (AP) — China has accepted the invitation to participate in the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, a pro-Beijing newspaper reported Wednesday.

The Chinese-language Ta Kung Pao, quoting unnamed well-informed sources in Beijing, as saying the Chinese Olympic Committee sent a letter Tuesday to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) informing it of

The two-sentence dispatch said the decision would be announced officially within the next few days. China has stated publicly. although not formally, that it plans to take part in the games.

Ta Kung Pao's report comes two days after the Soviet Union announced it would participate in the Summer Olympics, virtually ending fears of a possible communist East Bloc boycott.

The Soviet Union and China are major allies of North Korea, which announced Tuesday it would boycott the Summer Olympics unless it was made a co-host with Seoul, South Korea.

The IOC had offered to let the North host archery, table tennis, women's volleyball, a men's cycling event and some soccer preliminaries. South Korea accepted

that proposal. Sunday is the deadline for accepting invitations to the Summer Games.

Meanwhile, Cuba's decision on whether to participate in the Summer Olympics will be announced Sunday, a spokesman for the Cuban sports institute was quoted as saying Tuesday.

The Mexican government news agency Notimex, in a dispatch from Havana, quoted Pedro Cabrera, a member of the institute's propaganda committee, as saying the decision would not be made until the IOC's deadline.

Notimex said Cuba is confused because the Soviet Union has decided to participate in the Seoul Games while North Korea has decided against it. Both are



close allies of Cuba, which has a highly developed sports prog-

Cuba did participate in the Soviet Bloc's boycott of the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los

Notimex also said Granma, the Cuban Communist Party's official newspaper, reported briefly Tuesday on the Soviet decision to send a team to South Korea this

It is believed that a Cuban boycott of the Summer Olympics could cause Havana to lose its scheduled host role for the Pan-American Games in 1991.

(Agencies) — A British pilot who set out from London intending to break the long-distance flying record in a rear-propeller ultra light aircraft landed Tuesday amidst rice paddies in northern

Brian Milton, who tried to set a record by flying the 19,300

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia ney in less than 30 days, said by telephone that he touched down

The record for flying the Britain-Australia route in an ultra light aircraft was set in 1919 by Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith, who covered the distance between London and Port Darwin, Au-

Milton left London on Dec. 2 hoping to arrive in Australia in less than 30 days, but was delayed several times. He spent six days in Greece after high winds flipped his 148.5 kilogramme plane over on Dec. 6, and was forced to make an emergency landing in the sea near Abu Dhabi on Dec.

Mali opens skies to choppers, rescues Paris-Dakar Rally NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — The government of Mali reversed itself Wednesday and decided to ceived a second message from the

allow helicopters and planes following the Paris-Dakar Rally to land at key airfields, ending a caravan planned to set down just threat that could have halted the outside Kidal, which was one of world's longest motor rally, organisers said.

The day's course from Niamey, the capital of Niger, to Kidal, across the border in eastern Mali, was hastily transformed from a race leg to a simple liaison stage after receiving a message from to the next.

the Malian Civil Aviation Au"We have

your requests, notably air coverage Paris-Dakar auto-moto Ralauthority authorising the flights.

Two helicopters flying with the the airfields put off-limits.

Helicopters flying over the racing cars, trucks and motorcycles are essential to maintain safety, and a platoon of planes carries vital communications and repair equipment from one base camp

We have an agreement with horities.

Mali which includes overflights of its territory," said Gilbert Sabine, chief organiser.

In the nine previous years of ly. The airfields of Kidal, Tessalit the Paris-Dakar race, the course and Posta. Visit and overflight always has crossed Mali without

any difficulty, the organisers said. The 10th edition of the Paris-Dakar race already was troubled by frequent accidents, two of them fatal, and charges that the course had been made too diffi-

More than 600 competitors started the 12,800 km course on Jan. 1 in Versailles, outside Paris. There are 209 left in the race, which is just past the halfway point. It is to finish Jan. 22 in Dakar, the Senegalese capital.

Among those forced out Tuesday was Cyril Neveu of France, five-time winner of the motorcycle division of the race, who was in second place in the standings when he fell and broke his right

Lora to defend WBC bantam title

BOGOTA (R) — World Boxing Council (WBC) bantantweight champion Miguel "happy" Lora of Colombia will make the fifth defence of his title against Argentina's Lucio "machinegum" Lopez in Colombia next March, promoter Julio Guerrero has said. We said the first had been tentativaly set for March 4 in said. He said the fight had been tentatively set for March 4 in Bogota if local authorities agreed to exempt it from taxes. Otherwise it will be held in Cartagena, on the Caribbean, where promoters are granted a tax exemption for title fights. Guerrero did not disclose how much Lora or Lopez would receive for the 12-round bout. Lora won the title from Mexico's Daniel Zaragoza in Miami in August 1985.

THE Daily Crossword by Peter Swift

British aviator reaches Malaysia

kilometres from London to Syd-

on a road amid rice fields in Penang 300 kilometres northwest

of Kuala Lumpur.

through Australian Open 3rd round MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) advantage." - Ivan Lendl, Chris Evert and Navratilova, the women's No.

Lendl, Evert and Navratilova romp

Martina Navratilova blasted their way Wednesday into the third round of Australian Open tennis foes. championships, while Eva Krapl of Switzerland pulled off the

day's biggest upset.
The lanky Krapl, a right-hander ranked just 120th in the world, ousted seventh-seeded American biggest victory of Krapl's career came just three days before her 22nd birthday.

"I saw her forehand was weak, so I tried to play to it and force her into errors," Krapl said. "She didn't serve very well and I took

2 seed, and Evert, seeded third, romped past their second-round

Navratilova trounced Anna-Maria Fernandez 6-1, 6-0 and Evert crushed Beverley Bowes 6-0, 6-1 in two all-American bat-

Lendl, 27, displayed tremendous Zina Garrison 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. The strength and speed around the court in downing American Matt Anger 6-0, 6-1, 6-1 in just 1 hour, 29 minutes. Anger, ranked 95th in the world, was not able to win a game until the ninth game of the second set.

Lendl, a three-time winner of

both the French and U.S. Opens, is bidding to win the Australian Open for the first time. In 1986, he lost in the final.

Anger, clearly flustered, made a number of unforced errors. Other seeded men to progress included No. 5 Yannick Noah of France, No. 12 Christo van Rensburg of South Africa and No. 14 Jonas B. Svensson of Sweden.

Noah recovered from a slow start to beat Massimiliano Narducci of Italy 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1; Van Rensburg ousted Tony

Mmoh of Nigeria 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; and Svensson eliminated compatriot Magnus Tideman 6-2, 6-3,6-

Opening Euro soccer tie and final game sold out

DUESSELDORF, West Germany (R) — All tickets for the opening match and the final of the 1988 European Soccer Championship in West Germany have been sold, tournament organisers said on Wednesday.

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phone calls and demands for tickets after Tuesday's draw for the finals which pitted West Germany with Italy in the opening match on June 10 in Duesseldorf.

The final of the eight-nation tournament is to be played in Munich on June

Only a few tickets remain for West Germany's two other group games — with Denmark in Gelsenkirchen on June 14 and against Spain in Munich three days later.

Winter games look sure to fall short of sell out CALGARY, Alberta (R) — Organising committee spokes-Around 350,000 unsold tickets woman Renee Smith confirmed many for prime events --- will organisers had budgeted for

remain stacked on box office shelves when the Winter Olympics open in just 29 days. Organisers' hopes of seeing the games sold out are fading fast as preparations for the 16-day

spectacle enter the final stages. More than 1.2 million tickets have already been bought, marketing consultant Kate week. But there were still in excess of 406,000 tickets left covering 50 events spread through every day of the games.

ticket. But although sales phone jor scandal. lines have been jammed with ere currently being sold.

Thrasher said. At the present rate, around \$5 million worth of tickets - nearly to organisers that interest in the 25 per cent of the full issue — will games may be waning. be left unused when the games While most hotels within Calopen on February 13.

some in nearby Banff and Canmore have suffered significant cancellations as block bookings 300,000 unsold tickets.

"We're very encouraged by sales but very probably we won't sell all the tickets," she said. One leading hotelier believes The Nordic combined competi-

tion has attracted the least interest from spectators. Only around 20,000 tickets - just 17 per cent of the 119,000 issue have been sold for the event. Thrasher told Reuters late last which combines ski jumping and cross country.

Ticket sales have always been a troublesome issue at Calgary. The organising committee's

ne said. former sales manager is currently
Organisers said last month awaiting trial in Edmonton on their target was to sell every fraud charges following one ma-In another, extra seating had to

more than 1,600 calls a day, only be built at two venues after too around 15.000 tickets a week many prime tickets were snapped Now the huge ticket surplus will serve as a further indication

gary remain heavily booked,

made by big businesses months, even years ago, are scrapped.

interest in the games is so low not even games' sponsors can fill the quota of rooms they booked. And he has blamed organisers for pampering sponsors too much and failing to attract enough tourists to the games.

Ivor Petrak, general manager of the prestigious Banff Springs Hotel, said: "Major corporations and sponsors who made reservations are cancelling or can't fill their rooms.

Petrak said a major credit card

company sponsoring the games was having trouble filling the 120 rooms booked in his hotel to be given away as business perks to bank managers.

"The organisers have paid too much attention to sponsors and their money and have forgotten about tourism," he said.

Now the fear is many hotels in

the heart of Calgary, while fully booked on paper, may go through the games half empty as corporations fail to fill their

Olympic Housing Bureau Manager John Varga said he felt sure people who came to Calgary dur-ing the Olympics would find accommodation.

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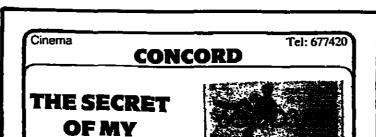
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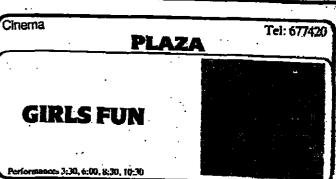
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OAPEC highlights Arab ventures | Yen stars in uneasy currency markets

KUWAIT (OPECNA) — Development in the Third World is limit the success of some of the ventures. Nevertheless, considerfraught with obstacles of every able financial sacrifices were kind that sometimes make failure made by Arab countries to keep unavoidable, says an editorial in the current issue of "Bulletin." published by the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

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It points out that the founders of OAPEC-sponsored ventures were aware of the obstacles, but they went ahead because they believed that the benefits of success far outweighed the likelibood of failure

However, structural shortcomings in the economies of developing countries, including those belonging to OAPEC, combined with conditions in the international oil market, managed to

the enterprises afloat.

The editorial notes that this "far-sighted" policy has led to the success of certain ventures such as the Arab Petroleum Training Institute at Baghdad which has made impressive progress.

The "Bulletin" asserts that OAPEC member states have spared no effort to lay down the foundations of the Arab oil sector. They have set up such successful joint ventures as the Arab Martitime Petroleum Company, the Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard Company, the Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation and the Arab Petroleum

LONDON (R) — The Japanese yen, boosted by

investor buying, emerged on Wednesday as the rising star of currency markets jittery about new U.S. trade figures due out on Friday.

slumped in Europe on uncertainty over future prospects for the U.S. economy, but the U.S. currency was underpinned somewhat by central bank intervention in

Japan and West Germany. Gold prices crept ahead and oil years ago, set it up to realise their prices, which took a dive on Tuesday, recovered.

Rumour-driven financial markets were preoccupied with the size of the U.S. trade deficit for November. America's burgeon-

The dollar and share values ing trade shortfalls and big surpluses in West Germany and Japan have been blamed by economists for global economic imbalances and by dealers for the dollar's weakness.

"It's not so much a question of dollar weakness but of yen strength," said a dealer in Frank-

"The yen's been the star of the show. It's strengthened against everything," said a London trader.

One key factor in the sudden yen interest was Japan's firm refusal to cut interest rates. "There's nothing on the horizon to say the yen is going to weaken," another London trader

The dollar opened lower in London at 126.10 yen and 1.6277 Deutschemarks against closes on Tuesday of 127,35 and 1.6347. By

faces a 42 per cent drop in hyd-

roelectrical power from the

Aswan High Dam if the annual

flood is low next July, minister of

electricity, Mr. Maher Abaza,

water level of Lake Nasser be-

hind the dam to 150 metres, the

power generated will drop to

The water level on Wednesday

'We must be prepared to coun-

ter the deficit through conserva-

His remarks confirmed govern-

ment worries about the dam's

electricity output as the level of

the lake has fallen 20 metres since

said on Wednesday.

1,750, he told reporters.

tion," the minister said.

was 157.86 metres.

Egypt fears 42 per cent drop in

around 1.6270 marks. Gold bullion was fixed in Lon-

don on Wednesday morning at \$481.40 an ounce, just up on Tuesday's close of \$480.75. Precious metal trading was re-

ported to be light. Britain's North Sea Brent oil for February delivery was quoted at \$16.45 a barrel compared with iust below \$16 on Tuesday. The yen's rise started in Tokyo.

which shuts before the European market opens. It went as high as 125.45 to a dollar at one point but repeated Bank of Japan intervention, estimated by one Tokyo dealer at \$100 to \$200 million, helped it to recover to 126.30 yen by the close, dealers said.

The Japanese central bank purchases helped keep a lid on speculative pressures, reminding the market that joint action by the major non-communist industrial nations, known as the Group of Seven, was likely again if dealers push the dollar too far.

In Frankfurt, the Bundesbank, bought \$8.8 million on Wednesmidday, the dollar had slumped day to help support the U.S.

The yen's rise in Asia was

boosted by Japanese press reports saying Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa had denied the Group of Seven nations had set a trading range for the dollar,

Mr. Miyazawa's reported comments followed weeks of market speculation that the group - the United States, West Germany, Japan, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — have a pact to stabilise the dollar within a broad range of

120-140 yen. Lack of agreement on a floor for the dollar could hurt if Friday's U.S. trade figures disappoint the financial markets.

A deficit for November in excess of \$15 billion would be viewed generally as a signal the dollar needed to fall further, some economists said.

Comments by President Reagan that a large trade deficit figure was not necessarily a sign of a weak economy added to world currency market uncer-

Some dealers saw the comment

French government earns

despite a White House denial that that was President Reagan's intention.

Share markets generally moved lower. The London Financial Times Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares was 1.7 points lower at the opening at 1.737.5 points and by 1230 GMT had

fallen to 1,726.4. Swiss shares opened two per cent lower.

The Paris 50-share bourse indicator posted a 0.80 per cent decline. Frankfurt's Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index was 2,24 per cent lower.

Exchanges in Milan, Stockholm and Madrid were also down.

Declines in Europe followed falls in Asia. Tokyo's Nikkei average sank

300.06 points, or 1.33 per cent, to 22,324,99. Hong Kong investors also fret-

ted over the trade deficit figures, sending the stock market sharply lower in light trade. The Hang Some dealers saw the comment as an attempt to prepare the to 2,383.79.

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Shares resumed their downward drift in late

afternoon trading but dealers said volume was extremely low

An early fall of more than 35 points on Wall Street in the first

45 minutes of trading led to some fresh markdowns, with traders

taking little comfort from a fresh bout of central bank interven-

One dealer said: "It's really not worth being here. Friday's U.S.

Investors are keeping to the sidelines ahead of the U.S. trade

data, worried that if the figures show no substantial improvement

on October's \$17.6 billion deficit then the dollar will sink, taking

.. Most forecasters are sticking to their initial \$15 billion trade 220

estimates but rumours in financial markets range to over \$20

billion. One dealer said: "Anything near 20 would be a disaster. Only a brand man or a fool would so long of shares in this climate."

Dollar earners led the way down as the currency drifted lower

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and were later hit by the lower New York market.

trade figures are dominating to such an extent that nobody is willing to enter the market." At 1530 GMT the FTSE 100 index

amid caution over Friday's U.S. November trade data.

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stood 17.5 points down at 1,721.7.

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doors to Soviet agriculture MOSCOW (R) — Kremlin lead-er Mikhail Gorbachev, unveiling the extension of innovations such a no-holds-barred approach to his as systems which tie income to country's food problem, has results. promised to open every door to

farmers who use his reforms to

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which more than \$1.30 billion has

The "Bulletin" has a special

word of praise for the Arab Pet-

roleum Investments Corporation

which it calls "the cornerstone of

the philosophy behind OAPEC's

It also pays tribute to the founders of OAPEC who, 20

ambition of achieving horizontal

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oil industry by taking advantage

of the vast common market pro-

Gorbachev vows to open all

vided by the Arab World.

U.S. dollars improve Soviet agriculture. Canadian dollar In a wide-ranging speech on his Deutschemarks "perestroika" programme of eco-nomic and social reform, Mr. Gorbachev also said farmers who achieved better results should unquestionably reap the fruits of their labour through higher in-

His remarks, in a speech to leading newspaper editors and cultural officials on Jan. 8, were reported by the official TASS news agency on Tuesday.

"I have in mind that in the agrarian sector we open all doors, as they say," Mr. Gorbachev declared.

"In essence the decision has already been taken to remove all barriers against its development. Now it is a matter of the psychology_of leaders," he said.

The people are already ready for initiative, ready for responsibility, ready to take upon them-selves the risk attached to conducting agriculture, because they believe in their own strength. And they have already shown this everywhere." he noted.

Mr. Gorbachev, who has made clear there are no plans to dis- lives.

He cited the case of Siberian collective farmers who had produced 8-10 times more per person than the national average.

"Naturally, their income also grows," he said. "And all at once attention is riveted on them, various commissions descend on them. Where did they get so much money, people ask. But why put the question this way? they earned it all."

Mr. Gorbachev have targeted improvements in the country's food supply as a priority aim of perestroika. His speech appeared to set the tone for a forthcoming plenum of the Communist Party's policy-setting Central Committee to be devoted to the subject.

At the weekend, the Soviet press published a draft of new collective farm statutes giving agricultural workers greater scope for private initiative within the collectivised system.

Soviet agriculture was forcibly collectivised in the early 1930s under Kremlin dictator Josef Stalin. Western historians say the ru-

Mr. Abaza was inspecting rehabilitation work, carried out ral dislocation, and the famine with U.S. aid, of the 12 turbines which followed, cost millions of at the Soviet-built dam's power station, which provides 22 per cent of Egypt's power needs. Work at six turbines will be

hydroelectric power output ASWAN, Egypt (R) - Egypt said. The \$100 million project will be completed in three years.

Japan to give aid

Meanwhile, Japan will give Egypt about \$109 million in soft loan and grant aid for a power If low flood forces a drop in the plant and other development projects, the Japanese embassy said. A government loan of 10,321 1,000 megawatt from the present million yen (about \$86 million), repayable over 20 years at four per cent interest after a 10-year grace period, would be spent on a thermal power station at Assiut

> Grant aid of 2,737 million yen (about \$23 million) will go towards a training centre for construction engineers, equipping a Cairo paediatric hospital and developing fisheries.

on the River Nile in southern

The aid was pledged in an exchange of letters on Tuesday between Egypt's minister of state for international cooperation. Mr. Maurice Makramallah, and Work at six turbines will be Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi concluded next November, he Hashimoto.

billion) from its privatisation permitted. sales of state firms to shareholders last year, 5.3 billion francs (\$914 million) more than expected, the finance ministry has

This brought to 70.8 billion francs (\$12.2 billion) the total amount transferred to government coffers under the privatisation programme begun by Prime Minister Jacques Chirac's conservative government in late

Finance Minister Edouard Balladur has said the ambitious scheme, abruptly interrupted by the world stock market crash in been postponed.

\$11.5b from privatisation PARIS (R) - The French state October, could be resumed on a received 66.7 billion francs (\$11.5 small scale if market conditions

> The programme, which has brought more than five million new shareholders on to the Paris bourse, was expected to be a major plank in the campaign for next spring's presidential election.

But the share slump, which delayed three scheduled privatisation operations, has made it a dubious electoral issue.

The sales of the state's stake in defence electronics group Matra, state airliner Air France and the privatisation of France's largest insurance group, Union Des Assurances De Paris, have all

Pan Am, unions reach accord

troubled Pan Am Corp. says it has reached agreements with three unions calling for more than \$330 million in concessions in exchange for an undisclosed stake in the company.

Pan Am is seeking agreements from five principal unions as part of a strategy to turn itself around, following a series of unsuccessful takeover overtures from outside suitors. In a statement Tuesday, the

company said it had reached accords with the unions representing pilots, flight engineers

Another union, the teamsters, set a strike deadline of Feb. 11 against Pan American World Airways, the company's main subsidiary. The teamsters' threat followed a breakdown in contract negotiations between the 4,300member union local and Pan Am management.

The company said that it had held discussions with the teamsters and the other hold-out union, the transport workers, and that it would try to conclude concession agreements with them.

In its statement, released after a meeting of its board of direc-

NEW YORK (AP) - Financially tors. Pan Am also said its financial loss for 1987 would be "significantly in excess of published newspaper reports. The company said the in-

> losses on loans denominated in the Japanese yen, which has risen strongly against the dollar, lost revenue from a strike by ground employees in Mexico during the entire quarter and rising fuel Recent press reports have pre-

creased loss estimate was due to

dicted the company would report a net loss of around \$90 million for 1987. Pan Am's net loss for 1986 was \$462 million.

The statement said the threeyear labour agreements, which provide for \$110 million a year in wage and pension reductions, are subject to approval by the members of the three unions. The accords are retroactive to Jan. 1.

The 1,100-member pilots union announced last week that it was making \$58 million in concessions in return for about seven million shares of Pan Am stock to be distributed over a five-vear period, but the company did not confirm those details. The company has about 140 million shares

American Express said its

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You may be feel that this day is filled with too many dreary and boring details, but if you are alert you will find some unexpected romantic situations which will improve your mood considerably.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19: Although you are busy with business matters, a new interest may arise which will make you a much happier and relaxed person.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Although an associate may have Although an associate may have ideas different from your own, you can work together quite well. Don't make any promises you can't keep.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You

Study every angle of your daily routines, and find a way to increase your output. Don't rely too much on others this evening. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul. 21) Add some excitement to your duties, and you'll get better results. Be sure to accept any good results. Be sure to accept any good ideas from a co-worker.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) You may receive an invitation that will lift your spirits considerably. Invite only interesting and exciting persons into your home tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Shopping and running errands

could amoy you today, but a family friend will cheer you up. Be careful in giving out advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It is good to be conscientious in your work, but leave time for relaxation. also. Don't talk about financial matters with strangers.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Take care of your personal duties this morning, but don't neglect practical alfairs. Don't hesitate to discuss your problems with friends. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

SAGITTARIUS (Now. 22 to Dec. 21) Try to look at your situation in a more positive light and you won't feel so depressed. Doing your best will be more than enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You may have to put up with a boring person today, but your patience will be greatly rewarded. Enjoy your loved ones this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Do whatever is necessary to im-Do whatever is necessary to improve your credit situation. A close friend will make it possible for you to have a good time later in the day.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You need more information before you can handle a new project wisely. Make note of any suggestions you get so you won't forget them.

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This is a great day to make any changes which can bring you closer to your personal or business goals. as your judgment will be unu clear and accurate. This is also a very good time for traveling. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try to get some suggestions from per-sons who are successful in your area

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

of business. If you have to make a trip, be sure to watch your budget.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
You can easily convince others to join you in a new venture which will increase your assets. Talk over any difficulties with your mate tonight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Do a small favor which will bring you the respect of a superior. Now is a good time to work on improving your health and appearance.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Sit down for a chat with a clever co-worker, and come to a fine and profitable agreement. Enjoy your family this evening. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Make

some plans for an anusement with your closest friends. Don't take any unnecessary risks while driving or in motion of any kind. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Find a way to make your home more as

those persons back into your life whom you have been neglecting lately. Something will happen to-day to make your future brighter. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

and have a good time together. Be sure to drive carefully. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't confide your personal plans to others, and don't do anything which might damage your reputa-tion. Be considerate of your mate.

you and your family would like it.
If you invite guests in, make sure
they are completely trustworthy.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Brife

Pay special attention to money matters today, and you'll get ex-cellent results. An expert can give you some very valuable advice. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get together with some friends who have the same hobbies as you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you contact good friends and state your aims clearly, they will help you make real progress. Be sure to show your appreciation. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You can gain many henefits through a community project at this time. Relax at home with your mate tonight, and get plenty of rest.

American Express ups loan loss reserves to \$778 million NEW YORK (R) American American Express Bank Ltd sub-Express said on Thesday it had saidery had added \$350 million to set aside more funds to cover its loan loss reserves and would

possible default on loans to the Third World and had written off all its Latin America private sector corporate loans, worth about

American Express said it had added \$350 million to a loan loss reserve to cover loans to developing countries - its second provision of funds to this reserve.

The move followed Monday's

announcement of a similar decision by Security Pacific Corp., which also set aside another \$350 million. The move by Security Pacific, the largest bank to announce

second provisions to its reserve, put pressure on other banks to follow suit. Security Pacific is the nation's seventh largest bank.

take a charge of the same amount against its fourth-quarter earn-

The bank's loan loss reserves now total \$//8 million and re sent about 60 per cent of all non-trade-related loans to Third World countries.

American Express added \$600 million to its loan loss reserves in the second quarter of 1987.

During 1987 American Express Bank cut loans to developing countries by about 37 per cent, to \$1.5 billion.

On Monday Security Pacific said it would add \$350 million to its loan loss reserves to cover Third World debt and take a fourth-quarter charge of \$40 mil-

Reagan approves Alaskan natural gas export to Japan WASHINGTON (R) — Presi- The officials said the gas export

dent Reagan has approved the would in the long run help to cut export of natural gas from Alas- the U.S. trade deficit — although ka's north slope to Japan as a way there was no immediate indicaence on unstable Gulf energy sources, U.S. officials said on Tuesday

An aide to Senator Frank Murkowski, the Alaska Republican who sought the approval, said an Anchorage firm was ready with a \$10 billion project to bring the gas from the north slop to warm water port, liquefy it and ship it to Japan.

President Reagan's order found that one million cubic feet of Alaskan natural gas should be retained for U.S. use daily but gas in excess of that could be exported to Japan.

buy — and also help diversify Japan's sources of energy.

President Reagan said the order ensured that "Alaskan natural gas will be developed efficiently and incentives will be provided to find additional re-He added in the order that

because world energy markets are interrelated, the sales would mean an enlarged global gas supply and help Japan "displace less secure energy sources, including oil from the Arabian Gulf.'

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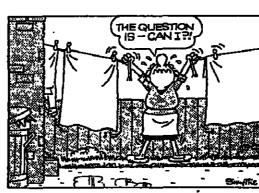


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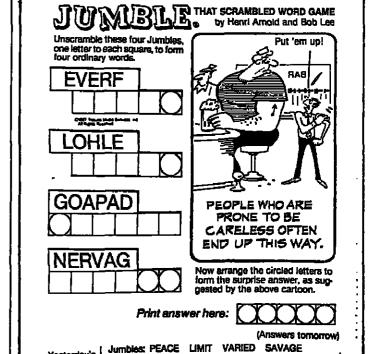






younger. You look like an embryo

in the very early stages of development."



Answer: The LRS man says it's better to do this-GIVE THAN DECEIVE

15 injured as Bangladesh police fire at demonstrators

DHAKA (R) — Police opened fire at hundreds of demonstrators gathered to greet a Bangladeshi opposition leader on Tuesday night, wounding at least 15.

Witnesses said police began shooting after teargas and baton charges failed to disperse the crowd at Bhairab Railway Station, 50 miles (80 kilometres) east of Dhaka, shortly before a train carrying Begum Khaleda Zia arrived.

Mrs. Khaleda, leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, began a cross-country tour on Tues-day to campaign for a boycott of parliamentary elections set for Feb. 28.

The other key opposition leader, Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, started a similar journey on Monday.

Several people were arrested at the railway station in sporadic clashes between stone- and brickthrowing demonstrators and

Addressing the crowd, Mrs. Khaleda condemned the shooting as an act of brutality and urged people to intesify the campaign to force President Hossain Mohammad Ershad to resign.

"Our movement will not stop

until Ershad steps down and transfers power to a caretaker government responsible for establishing a flawless democracy," she said.

Mrs. Hasina and Mrs. Khaleda have been leading a campaign by 21 opposition parties to force Gen. Ershad's resignation.

Gen. Ershad, who seized power in a bloodless coup in 1982 but re-established civil rule in November, 1986, has said he will not resign under pressure.

He has said the elections will be held as planned despite the threatened boycott by major opposition groups.

There is no alternative to elections for a change of government and the opposition must win the people's mandate in the future polls," Gen. Ershad told a meeting on Tuesday.

He described his opponents as enemies of the country and asked the people to oppose their "evil "The whole nation cannot re-

American pilot formally charged in Nicaragua speculation about a possible im-

position of martial law, saying "I MANAGUA (R) — An American civilian pilot whose plane shall do nothing beyond the purview of the constitution." was forced down here last month Gen. Ershad imposed a state of was formally charged with crimes emergency on Nov. 27 to thwart against the state and could face 30 the opposition campaign and disyears jail if found guilty. solved parliament on Dec. 6 to

The American, James Jordan Denby, said by Nicaragua to have links with U.S.-backed contra rebels, is to be tried by a special people's tribunal for criminal association, involvement in armed activities against the government and seeking "to submit the country to foreign domina-

The charges were handed in writing to the court on Tuesday, Denby's 58th birthday. Denby, being held in a Managua jail, did not appear, but his wife, Marie, who arrived Monday night, sobbed quietly after being informed of the accusations.

"I am very sad," she said as she left the court offices with Denby's brother William and U.S. attorney Robert Swanson.

The court is a special tribunal set up after the 1979 Sandinista uprising to judge alleged counterrevolutionaries.

Nicaraguan prosecutor Jose Antonio Ruiz told reporters that Denby, captured on Dec. 6 when his Cessna plane was forced down by Sandinista gunfire on a remote eastern Nicaraguan beach, would then have to reply to the charges.

He said Denby, who owns a ranch in neighbouring Costa Rica, was charged with two violations of Nicaragua's public order and security law — taking up arms against the government and "seeking to submit the country to foreign domination."

Poll shows Bush, Dukakis leading in New Hampshire WASHINGTON (R) — A new public opinion poll shows Vice

President George Bush and Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis leading in the New Hampshire presidential primary races. Cable News Network (CNN) reported on Tuesday.

It said the Gallup poll found 38 per cent of New Hampshire Republicans surveyed favouring Mr. Bush, 23 per cent Senate Republican leader Robert Dole and 15 per cent Congressman Jack

The poli found 39 per cent support for Mr. Dukakis among New Hampshire Democrats surveyed, 19 per cent for former Colorado Senator Gary Hart and 12 per cent for Illinois Senator Paul Simon, CNN said.

The New Hampshire primary on Feb. 16 will be the first of a series of primary elections in which voters in states or groups of states vote their choice for the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates.

The first presidential test of 1988 comes a week earlier when Iowa begins selecting in county caucuses its delegates to the national presidential nominating conventions.

Delegates from all 50 states will nominate the candidates at a Democratic nominating convention in Atlanta in July and Republican convention in New Orleans in August. The next U.S. president will be elected on Nov.

Sri Lankan policeman, official wounded by rebels

COLOMBO (R) — A policeman and a village official were shot and wounded by suspected Marxist rebels in Sri Lanka's south, security sources said on

Wednesday.

They said the policeman was shot in the back by an unidenti-fied gunman at Kamburupitiya village on Tuesday while the official was attacked by two men at

The attackers were suspected of belonging to the outlawed

Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP: People's Liberation Front), which has been blamed for a spate of killings of officials and government supporters in the past six months, the sources said.

The JVP, composed of youth of the majority Sinhalese community, is opposing an agreement signed between Sri Lanka and India aimed at ending a fouryear-old rebellion by guerrillas of the minority Tamils on the Indian

Filipino military sees 1988 as beginning of end for rebels

MANILA (R) — The New Year will be the beginning of the end to almost two decades of Communist insurgency in the Philippines, top army general said on

As the military reported 23 people killed in three days of clashes between government and rebel forces, Philippine marines Commander Brigadier-General Rodolfo Biazon said the guerrilla New People's Army was making its last stand.

"The rebels will become more active this year to either recover their losses or project visibility. I think that is the beginning of their defeat." he told a diplomatic

Brig. Biazon, an influential adviser to President Corazon Aquino, told reporters the Communists would step up attacks in 1988 to shake the government but said the strategy would backfire

Military figures show an average of 10 people died a day from the insurgency in 1987.
"These killings and intimida-

tions are not going to be accepted by a lot of people...more and more people will realise that the danger is imminent and more and more people will band together in order to resist it," Brig. Biazon

Brig. Biazon said the 19-year-old Marxist rebellion would fail to reach a "strategic stalemate" or a battlefield standoff with government troops because of the lack of civilian support and the formation of vigilante groups.

"In 1988, I can see the military more capable of handling the insurgency and I can see the government with a more cohesive counter-insurgency plan," he

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Actress Ava Gardner in hospital

LOS ANGELES (R) - Film star Ava Gardner is in good condition and resting comfortably after undergoing treatment to hospital for a respiratory problem, a spokeswoman said on Tuesday. Gardner. 65, who entered hospital six days ago, has bad a recurring respiratory problem since suffering pneumonia in November 1986, said a spokeswoman at St. John's Hospital in Los Angeles. Gardner, who lives in London, is expected to leave the hospital in about a week, the spokeswoman added.

Angels make family's life hell

LONDON (R) - A British family that had a Hell's Angels motorcycle gang move in next door was awarded £24,000 (\$43,680) in court after they described what they went through Lawvers for merchant seaman Ron McSorley, 49, and his wife Pat, 43, told the high court the Angels had converted a three-bedroom house in the quiet town of Windsor, near London, into a clubhouse stocked with bar, poor table and juke box. The motorcycle gang brawled, swore and vomited and the McSorleys had seen them urinating and exposing themselves. Ordering two members of the Hell's Angels chapter to pay the damages, the court said on Tuesday that the family had suffered physically, mentally and financially. The bikers, who bought the house three years ago. have since closed down the clubhouse. New neighbours were due to move in next week.

'Driver blames Satan for crash'

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida (AP) - A 22-year-old motorist was charged with first-degree murder after telling police Satan made him try to use his car to kill himself and someone else, authorities said. The motorist drove his 1978 Pontiac Firebird at 90 mph (145 kph) through a red traffic light and slammed into the side of a car whose driver, Eddie Boddie, 47, was killed, police spokesman Ott Cefkin said. Samuel Andre Grimes was booked into the Broward County Jail on Sunday without bond provisions. He suffered only minor cuts in the Saturday crash. Grimes, a maintenance worker for the County School Board, later told police Satan was responsible, Cefkin said.

U.K. bans furniture foam

LONDON (R) — The British government on Monday bowed to pressure from firefighters and banned flammable furniture foams which firemen say cause hundreds of deaths each year. The ban, announced in parliament, followed mounting pressure by fire chiefs and the media which said that polyurethane foam used in upholstery gave off toxic fumes when ignited. The new ban on so-called standard and high resilience polyurethane foam will take effect from the end of February 1989. Twenty-four people. including 10 children, have died since Christmas in fites where poisonous gas was released from burning sofas, beds, chairs and other furniture. Last week Britain's fire chiefs gave a rare news conference warning of the dangers of the foam and called upon the government to take action.

Big stolen haul recovered in U.K.

LONDON (R) - Police have found what they say could be one of the biggest caches of stolen goods ever recovered in Britain. The haul, estimated at hundreds of thousands of pounds sterling. included antique and reproduction furniture, jewellery, silverware, ornaments, electrical goods, clothing and household items, police said on Tuesday. The 11,500 items were discovered in 400. plastic bi-liners at a house in Hove in southern England last November. The police were appealing to people in the area who had been robbed to contact police to view a video of the

was shot after he fired his carbine Court had relented to their re-Supreme Court ordered a team of at the prime minister in her gar-

NEW DELHI (R) - The Indian three doctors on Wednesday to examine a Sikh assassin of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi after his lawyers said the convicted killer is insane.

The court ordered the examination after lawyers for Satwant Singh, 24, said on a hearing on Tuesday that he was "definitely off his rocker."

The lawyers said Singh, who

the Social Democratic and Liber-

al parties announced Wednesday

an agreement to merge, ending

months of wrangling that has split

the Centrist movement and

The new party, Britain's third-

placed political grouping, will be called the Social and Liberal

Democratic Party, the leaders

The merger agreement be-

tween the parties, which have fought two general elections as an

electoral alliance, will be put to

parties members then will be

Half the Liberals' eight-mem-

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) —

Haiti's generals, seeking to avert

a repetition of violence which

aborted November's general elec-

tion, say it will allow foreign

observers and reporters access to

The announcement on Tuesday

was aimed at offsetting criticism

that the elections are likely to be

"rigged" by the military govern-

Many Haitian groups say they

will boycott the elections, arguing

that the military leaders intend to

impose their own man as presi-

over from dictator Jean-Claude

Duvalier in 1986, called the first

general elections in 30 years for

But gunmen who said they

were from Duvalier's dreaded

Tontons Macoute secret police

forced a suspension of the polling

by killing more than 30 people.

The government, which took

ment, diplomats said.

last Nov. 29.

slashed its popularity.

special party co

balloted.

Britain's Social Democrats,

Liberals announce merger

Haiti invites observers

to monitor Sunday's polls

Jan. 17.

ty (OAU).

on Sunday.

LONDON (AP) — Leaders of fic endorsement of British mem-

Doctors to examine 'insane' Gandhi killer den in October 1984, was in pain because of a bullet still lodged in

> He is one of three Sikhs sentenced to hang for the killing which set off anti-Sikh protests in Delhi which left about three

thousand people dead. The office of Singh's lawyers

bership in NATO - at the insist-

in the new party's constitution.

again. I cannot stomach it," said

Liberal Tony Greaves as he and

"The Liberals have given in

ence of the Social Democrats -

later told reporters the Supreme

quest to include a non-government doctor they nominated in the medical team, which would submit the report within week.

main hostage in the hands of some selfish political leaders," he

But Gen. Ershad dismissed

prepare for the elections.

amnesty, police said.

Twenty-nine "underground ex-tremists" from a leftwing party,

including 16 women, surrendered

on Tuesday and were granted

They said the members of the

Sarbahara Party gave up to police

at Narsingdi, 55 kilometres from

Dhaka, and were granted amnes-

ty following their pledge to live

party, which describes itself as a

the downtrodden,"- surrendered

last Wednesday at the same place, police told reporters.

100 people across the country

during 1987, staged robberies to

collect funds and raided police

camps in the countryside for

The Sabahara killed at least

Another 107 members of the

movement to assert the rights of

The appeals for Singh and the others sentenced to death were adjourned on Tuesday to Jan. 27. they fail in their appeal, their last hope would be an appeal to Indian President Ramaswamy

EDMONTON, Alberta (R) -Police said that an apparent bomb threat aboard a Canadian airliner that forced the evacuation of all 268 people aboard might have been a hoax.

three others walked out of the talks and resigned shortly before the merger announcement.
But Liberal leader David Steel said: "I am very pleased with the outcome and naturally sad that we could not carry all our col-

leagues along with us." Mr. Steel, widely expected to January for endorsement. The the merger negotiations immediately after the general election in June 1987 in which Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's ber negotiating team resigned in protest at the name and the speci-consecutive term.

The government, blamed for

The fact that right-wing, pro-

Duvalier candidates were barred

as presidential candidates raised

fears that the pro-Duvalier gun-men might again disrupt polling

Residents reported that many

peasants, fearing election day

violence, had begun moving into

On Tuesday, the sound of sub-

machine-gun fire echoed across

Port-Au-Prince as night fell and

officials could provide no ex-

camps in the mountains.

planation for the shooting.

failing to prevent the massacres

Bomb threat on Canadian jet may have been hoax

The Canadian Airlines International DC-10 was evacuated at the Edmonton International Airport on Tuesday after crew members found notes indicating there tails. may have been a bomb on the

of notes which, when put hoax.

against the passengers and aircraft," the airline said in a state-

The notes were found in the plane's toilets, said airline spokeswoman Ruth Montgomery, who declined to give the wording of the messages. The airline would give no further de-

Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officials said the "The crew discovered a series bomb threat might have been a

Suriname assembly elects president, vice-president

(AP) — Ramsewak Shankar, a relatively unknown agronomist, and Henck Arron, the former prime minister deposed in a 1980 military coup, were unanimously elected president and vice president of Suriname Tuesday by the National Assembly.

and to guarantee a secure eleccultural engineer who has been tion, rescheduled the vote for active in development matters in the government and private sec-A government statement on tors in recent years but not in polling stations in next Sunday's Tuesday said poll observers politics. He was a cabinet miniswould be invited from the United ter from 1969 to 1972. nations, the Organisation of American States (OAS), the European Community (EC) and the Organisation of African Uni-

Mr. Arron, 55, was elected

leader, Cmdr. Desi Bouterse. The two will be sworn in Jan.

ony on the north coast of South America, held its first elections since the coup on Nov. 25 in line with Bouterse's promise to put the country back on the road to democracy.

tion approved on Sept. 30, the presidency is an executive position with broad powers. Formerly it was largely a ceremonial post.

PARAMARIBO, Suriname prime minister for two terms and served until he was toppled in a coup led by Suriname's military

Mr. Shankar, 50, is an agri-

Suriname, a former Dutch col-

According to a new constitu-

Soviets reportedly did not know they shot KAL airliner

rean plane with 269 people on board did not realise they were shooting at a civilian airliner, despite U.S. claims at the time to the contrary, a U.S. congressman said on Tuesday.

the previously classified U.S. documents with the approval of the State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency

All 269 passengers and crew of Korean Air Lines Flight 007, including Representative Larry McDonald, were killed when the Boeing 747 was shot down by Soviet interceptors on Sept. 1, 1983 on a flight from New York to Seoul, via Anchorage, Alaska...

when it flew over Soviet territory. On Sept. 5, 1983, President Reagan said the United States had conclusive evidence that Soviet pilots knew they were attacking a non-military jet, saying: 'There is no way a pilot could mistake this for anything other than a civilian airliner." But, according to Mr. Hamil- so.

"We had concluded by the

U.S. reconnaissance aircraft throughout most, if not all, of the overflight. "The bottom line is that the Soviets, through their own inepti-

"For example, a White House statment of Sept. 4, 1983 said that the Soviets, 'made no serious effort to identify the aircraft or to had happened, then said the jet

during debate in the United Nations about the incident.

down, but made no effort to do

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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Last Week's Cryptograms

Crackling fire, plump cushlons and good mystery story make fine rainy night companions.
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3. People remember Beau Brummell best for his foppish attire.

4. The nose knows a white silk rose isn't a real one.

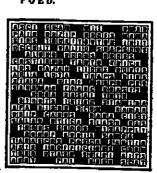
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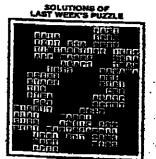
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South What action do you take?

4Q10763 ♥7 ♦A985 **4**KJ10 The bidding has proceeded: Pass Pass 1 4 What do you bid now?

Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South 4A103 ♥AQJ95 ♦J6 **4**A87 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

What do you bid now?

Q.3-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **♦95 ♥873 ♦A106 ♠KJ532** The bidding has proceeded: North East South 1 ♥ 2 ♦ ?

Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **4AJ102** ♥**7653** ♦**85 4954** The bidding has proceeded: North East South West i • Pass 2 • Pass 2 NT Pass ?

What action do you take? Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South 4954 ♥AK83 01062 4A74 As dealer, what is your opening

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you ∇Q108763 092 **4J642 ±6** The bidding has proceeded: South West North Pass 2 + 3 NT

What action do you take?

"Prior to the declassification of these intelligence assessments, the public record of the administration was at variance with what our intelligence actually knew about this tragedy," Indiana Demo-crat Lee Hamilton said in a state-

Mr. Hamilton said he released

The Soviet Union first denied it

was on an espionage mission

WASHINGTON (R) — Soviet ton, the CIA made the following pilots who downed a South Ko-findings after the incident:

"Our first assessment immediately after the incident was that although the Soviets never referred to the target as a civilian airliner, the pilot who downed it should have been able to identify

second day that the Soviets thought they were pursuing a tude, probably were not certain

what type of aircraft they were shooting down." Assistant Secretary of State J. Edward Fox said in a letter to Mr. Hamilton that administration officials stated on a number of occasions that the Soviet interceptor might not have known what kind of plane it was shooting

warn it'," Mr. Fox said. He said that the U.S. Ambassador to United Nations at the time, Jean Kirkpatrick, made similar statements two days later

Mr. Fox said the Soviet pilots had a clear responsibility to identify the aircraft before they shot it